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**HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER**  
OF PENNSYLVANIA  
AND  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1913  
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND  
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# THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

1795-1913

## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA  
MARCH 6, 1913, A.I. 2443.

PRESENT:

Comp.	GEORGE B. WELLS.....	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	WINFIELD S. BELL.....	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN.....	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER.....	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	STOCKTON BATES.....	<i>acting M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	REV. HORACE F. FULLER.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. CHARLES H. BOND.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. JOHN G. WILSON, D.D.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.....	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER.....	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	BERTRAM D. REARICK.....	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST.....	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JAMES ANDREW GIBSON.....	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	GEORGE P. DARROW.....	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN.....	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, JOHN C. TAYLOR, MILTON E. GINGRICH, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, DAVID J. DAVIS, HENRY L. MOORE, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, HENRY HIPPLE, WILLIAM P. ECKELS, PORTER W. LOWRY, EDWARD HOPE, DAVID CARLIN, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, CHARLES E. COOPER.

*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.



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“ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.  
“ HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.  
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.  
“ SAMUEL W. WRAY, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.  
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.  
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.  
“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.  
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.  
“ CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.  
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.  
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.  
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.  
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.  
“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.  
“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.  
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.  
“ LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.  
“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.  
“ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.  
“ WINFIELD S. BELL, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 169, 173, 175, 176, 177, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 197, 199, 201, 202, 203, 208, 219, 220, 222, 224, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 241, 243, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 262, 266, 270, 271, 275, 278, 284. (50 Chapters.) (125 members.) (36 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, Friday, December 27, 1912, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws were received from Chapter No. 254 and Chapters Nos. 91, 238, 268 and 289 were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following  
QUARTERLY REPORT

PHILADELPHIA, February 26, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from November 21, 1912, to February 26, 1913, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges.....	\$9,885 70	
“ Certificates.....	4 00	
“ Constitutions.....	6 00	
“ Dispensations.....	1 00	
“ Interest on Investments.....	236 25	
	—————	\$10,132 95
To which add Cash on hand November 21, 1912.....		780 39
		—————
		\$10,913 34

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest, extra appropriation.....	\$311 39	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests.....	961 58	
Instruction in the Work.....	87 10	
Investments.....	2,000 00	
Jewel of Past Grand High Priest.....	125 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery.....	37 00	
Salaries.....	862 50	
Telephone.....	16 65	
Installation Officers Subordinate Chapters.....	65 32	
	—————	
	\$4,466 54	
To which add Balance Cash February 26, 1913.....	6,446 80	
	—————	\$10,913 34
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Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,  
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,  
J. WAELDER McMULLEN,  
*Committee.*



The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed amendments to By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 254 be approved.

*Resolved*, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 91, 238, 268 and 289 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,

WILLIAM A. RHOADS,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Charity presented the following report, which was received, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Charity, having under their care the widow of a Past Grand High Priest, report that they have carefully looked after her wants and have expended the amount previously granted, for which she has expressed her grateful appreciation, and we would recommend that we continue to assist this very worthy lady. We therefore present the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), said sum to be drawn at such times and in such amounts as may be suggested by the Committee on Charity.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. POORE,

CURTIS H. HANNUM,

*For the Committee.*

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, March 6, 1913.

*George B. Wells, Esq., M. E. Grand High Priest, etc.*

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1912, were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder, International Printing Company.

The work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,  
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,  
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,  
MURRAY GORGAS,  
WESLEY R. MORGAN,

*Committee.*

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 91, 152, 159, 171, 172, 174, 176, 178, 181, 186, 192, 196, 203, 205, 207, 208, 210, 218, 220, 224, 232, 233, 234, 239, 242, 244, 247, 249, 251, 253, 254, 263, 265, 266, 267, 269, 273, 276, 281, 285, 286, 287, and Mark Lodges 91 and 216.

A petition was received from a number (53) of Royal Arch Masons for a Warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at Siegfried, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, to be called Siegfried Royal Arch Chapter, No. .

On motion, duly made and seconded, the petition was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:



M. E. Companion LEVI GILBERT BLISS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey. Died October 16, 1912.

R. E. Companion ALBERT EDWARD FUGLE, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina. Died November 5, 1912.

M. E. Companion HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. Died November 29, 1912.

M. E. Companion TANDY ALLISON DUNN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. Died December 25, 1912.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL W. WADDLE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois. Died February 1, 1913.

On the invitation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WALTER LEHMAN WILLIAMSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, addressed Grand Chapter, pleasantly acknowledging the courtesy of the invitation and expressing the pleasure at being present at a meeting of Grand Chapter in his old home town.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the Companions of Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, Companion WILLIAM B. KROPP, as Worshipful Master; WILLIAM M. WEBER, as Senior Warden, and SAMUEL W. BROWN, JR., as Junior Warden.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes P.M.

STOCKTON BATES,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*



## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA

June 5, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443.

PRESENT:

Comp.	GEORGE B. WELLS.....	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	WINFIELD S. BELL.....	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN.....	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER.....	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	STOCKTON BATES.....	<i>acting M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. CHARLES H. BOND.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. JOHN G. WILSON, D.D.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.....	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER.....	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	BERTRAM D. REARICK.....	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST.....	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JAMES ANDREW GIBSON.....	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	GEORGE P. DARROW.....	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN.....	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, JOHN C. TAYLOR, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, DAVID J. DAVIS, HENRY L. MOORE, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, HENRY M. KINSEL, WILLIAM P. ECKELS, EDWARD HOPE, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.

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Comp. SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

“ FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.

“ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

“ CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

“ THOMAS F. PENMAN, of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.

“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

“ PETER BARKEY, of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

“ FRED M. SMITH, of Grand Chapter of Texas.

“ LOUIS WAYNE, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

“ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

“ WINFIELD S. BELL, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91, 152, 169, 175, 182, 183, 190, 197, 198, 202, 203, 208, 219, 220, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 270, 277, 279, 284. (37 Chapters.) (79 members.) (28 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 6, 1913, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws were received from Chapters Nos. 225, 254 and 296, and Chapters Nos. 52, 236, 277 and 287 and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:



PHILADELPHIA, May 31, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from February 26, 1913, to May 31, 1913, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

#### RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges.....	\$251 05	
“ Certificates.....	22 00	
“ Constitutions.....	7 00	
“ Dispensations.....	5 00	
“ Interest on Deposits.....	21 06	
“ Interest on Investments.....	450 00	
“ Warrants.....	400 00	
		<hr/> \$1,156 11

All of which was paid over to the Grand Treasurer  
and his receipt taken therefor.

To which add Balance February 26, 1913.....	6,446 80	
		<hr/> \$7,602 91

#### EXPENDITURES.

Charity.....	\$50 00	
Clothing and Furniture.....	1 35	
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest.....	1,000 00	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests.....	238 24	
Instruction in the Work.....	75 00	
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.....	500 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery.....	1,003 87	
Salaries.....	862 50	
Telephone.....	34 19	
		<hr/> \$3,765 15

To which add Balance May 31, 1913.....	3,837 76	
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\$7,602 91

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, *Chairman*,  
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,  
J. WAELDER McMULLEN,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,

*Committee.*

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, June 5, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 225, 254 and 296, and the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 236, 277 and 287, and offers the following resolutions, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 296 and 225 be approved and that Chapter No. 296 be directed to amend its By-Laws to provide for a Permanent Fund as per form of By-Laws approved by Grand Chapter.

*Resolved*, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 254 be amended as follows: Article 6, Paragraph 5, strike out all after "\$2.00"; Article 7, Section 2, strike out the second paragraph; and that as so amended, they be approved.

*Resolved*, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 236, 277 and 287 be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HOWARD THOMAS,  
HENRY W. SMITH,  
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,  
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,  
*Committee.*

A communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, requesting fraternal recognition and the exchange of fraternal representatives, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report:



PHILADELPHIA, June 5, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Correspondence has received a communication from M. E. Companion CHARLES F. JENNINGS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, under date of January 2, 1912, informing this Grand Jurisdiction that, by proclamation of Most Excellent NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, announcement was made to the Royal Craft of the regular formation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, as a lawful governing Body of the Royal Craft.

The said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah sends greeting and requests fraternal recognition and the exchange of fraternal Representatives.

We, therefore, offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania hereby extends fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah and wishes for it a bright future in the Capitular field.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,  
STOCKTON BATES,

*Committee.*

A petition was received from a number (49) of Royal Arch Masons for a Warrant for a new Chapter to be held at 7222 Kelly Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to be called Homewood Royal Arch Chapter, No. —.

On motion duly made and seconded the petition was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 21, 150, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 170, 175, 177, 179, 180, 183, 187, 191, 193, 194, 199, 204, 209, 212, 215, 216, 217, 222, 224, 225, 227, 230, 241, 246, 252, 255, 257, 260, 261, 268, 271, 272, 274, 278, 280, 289,

291, 292 and 293, which were ordered to be received and filed.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

Excellent and Rev. Companion GEORGE COX MADDOCK, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey. Died February 7, 1913.

M. E. Companion ALFRED STITH LEE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Virginia. Died January 19, 1912.

M. E. Companion GUSTAVE J. BAHIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, R. A. M. Died January 27, 1913.

M. E. Companion HARRY BAILEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. Died January 27, 1913.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. CLELLAND, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon Royal Arch Masons. Died February 27, 1913.

M. E. Companion EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died March 11, 1913.

M. E. Companion JAMES CLEMENT FRENCH, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, R. A. M. Died March 19, 1913.



M. E. Companion GEORGE NEWELL HOUGHTON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died March 21, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by Companion HENRY S. HAZLETT, King of Palestine R. A. Chapter, No. 240, as Most Excellent Master; ELMER E. EAKINS, Senior Warden, and HARVEY WILLIAMS, Junior Warden.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and five minutes P.M.

STOCKTON BATES,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA  
SEPTEMBER 4, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443.

PRESENT:

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"	WINFIELD S. BELL.....	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
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"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
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"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.....	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT D. COLE.....	<i>as Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	BERTRAM D. REARICK.....	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST.....	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON.....	<i>as Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	GEORGE P. DARROW.....	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
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*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.



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“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

“ J. MURRAY AFRICA, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

“ CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

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“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

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“ WINFIELD S. BELL, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 5, 1913, were read and approved.

A copy of a proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 296 was received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following

#### QUARTERLY REPORT.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, September 2, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the

M. E. Grand Secretary, from May 31, 1913, to August 28, 1913, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters.....	\$347 35	
“ Certificates.....	8 00	
“ Constitutions.....	1 00	
“ Interest on Investments.....	279 70	
“ Warrant.....	200 00	
		\$836 05

Which was paid over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipts taken therefor.

To which add Balance May 30, 1913.....	3,837 76	
		\$4,673 81

EXPENDITURES.

Charity.....	\$50 00	
M. E. Grand High Priest.....	500 00	
District Deputy Grand High Priests.....	115 68	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals.....	41 21	
Salaries.....	862 50	
Telephone Service.....	16 50	
	\$1,585 89	
To which add Balance August 28, 1913.....	3,087 92	
		\$4,673 81

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,  
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,  
W. M. DONALDSON,  
J. WAELDER McMULLEN,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions attached thereto were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.



PHILADELPHIA, September 4, 1913.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws referred to it, and offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 296 be approved, that it be made Article X, and the succeeding Articles renumbered to correspond.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,  
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,  
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,  
*Committee.*

The M. E. Grand Secretary presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 4, A.D. 1913.

*To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,  
and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, 1912, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1911, as per last report.....		32,503
Admitted during the year 1912.....	85	
Restored to Membership.....	70	
Marked, etc.....	1,527	1,682
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Total.....		34,185
<i>Deduct.</i>		
Died during the year 1912.....	522	
Resigned, or Membership ceased.....	183	
Suspended or Expelled.....	292	997
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Membership, December 27, 1912, per returns.....		33,188
A net gain of.....	685	
Rejected during 1912.....	111	
Restored to G. M. S.....	23	

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1911.....		400
Admitted.....	1	
Restored.....	1	2
Total.....		402

Deduct.

Died during the year 1912.....	33
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Membership, December 27, 1912.....	369
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Number of Chapters, December 27, 1912.....	135
Number of Mark Lodges.....	3

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,  
STOCKTON BATES,  
Acting Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27,  
1912.

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
3	Jerusalem.....	24	3	11	2	6	672
21	Perseverance .....	18	....	2	2	4	308
43	.....	8	1	7	....	....	351
52	Harmony.....	45	7	25	10	11	1,219
91	Columbia.....	27	2	15	....	12	744
150	Washington.....	9	3	1	2	6	265
152	Reading.....	5	1	7	1	3	244
159	Schuylkill.....	....	....	....	....	....	49
161	Union.....	12	....	3	1	....	212
162	Zerubbabel.....	42	5	22	1	15	1,167
163	La Fayette.....	12	....	3	....	....	152
164	Brownsville.....	4	....	1	....	1	148
165	Union.....	10	3	1	....	....	231
166	Mount Moriah.....	3	1	3	....	....	108
167	Eureka.....	2	....	2	2	....	147
169	Philadelphia.....	2	....	3	9	8	245
170	Delta.....	14	1	4	1	10	346

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
171	St. John's.....	8	....	1	....	6	138
172	Temple.....	2	....	1	1	....	111
173	Easton.....	11	....	4	....	5	306
174	Northumberland.....	13	....	....	....	3	143
175	Keystone.....	32	4	12	5	3	638
176	George Washington..	11	2	3	....	....	146
177	Tamaqua.....	3	....	1	2	....	76
178	Catawissa.....	1	....	1	....	....	39
179	Eureka.....	6	....	....	....	....	163
180	Warren.....	2	1	....	....	....	46
181	Lilly.....	1	....	7	....	....	130
182	Shekinah.....	9	4	5	2	4	363
183	Oriental.....	54	3	29	3	....	1,225
185	Lackawanna.....	11	2	6	5	10	433
186	Lewistown.....	2	....	....	1	6	104
187	Oriental.....	....	....	2	1	1	89
189	Mountain.....	21	1	6	....	....	369
190	Norristown.....	11	1	8	3	3	412
191	Solomon.....	2	....	2	....	8	90
192	Urania.....	11	....	6	....	2	337
193	Duquesne.....	37	2	9	1	1	955
194	Tyoga .....	4	....	....	15	2	61
195	Portage.....	14	1	3	1	....	257
196	Mountain City.....	7	....	4	....	5	169
197	Weidle.....	17	....	3	....	1	177
198	Phoenix....	6	....	4	....	3	241
199	Howell.....	8	1	4	4	4	255
200	Columbus.....	9	....	....	1	....	99
201	Standing Stone.....	6	....	1	1	....	105
202	Howell.....	10	1	4	....	1	146
203	Allen.....	9	....	5	1	....	288
204	Anthony Wayne.....	6	1	2	....	....	89
205	Factoryville.....	3	....	....	....	2	69
206	Harmony.....	22	....	2	1	....	209
207	Aaron.....	1	....	1	1	1	75
208	Germantown.....	12	....	8	....	1	322
209	Samuel C. Perkins....	2	2	....	....	....	82
210	Great Bend.....	....	1	1	1	....	32
211	Venango.....	3	7	5	3	....	219
212	Mound.....	10	1	2	1	....	206
214	Valley.....	4	....	2	1	3	83
215	Temple.....	8	3	2	3	....	389



No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
216	Zinzendorf.....	6	....	2	1	....	108
217	Allegheny.....	21	1	10	2	5	778
218	Bloomsburg.....	1	....	5	....	....	90
219	Griscom.....	9	....	2	....	....	111
220	Fort Washington.....	5	....	....	....	5	84
221	Tremont.....	7	1	2	2	....	79
222	Lycoming.....	36	1	7	2	1	452
223	Oxford.....	4	....	1	....	....	110
224	Corinthian.....	2	....	2	....	....	123
225	Jefferson.....	24	....	3	2	....	280
226	Siloam.....	16	1	5	1	2	291
227	Emporium.....	3	2	1	....	....	97
228	Clearfield.....	13	2	3	1	....	191
230	Elk.....	3	6	2	1	3	148
232	St. John.....	14	7	8	3	4	267
233	Kensington.....	13	1	11	3	8	510
234	Media.....	10	3	3	1	2	124
235	Occidental.....	4	1	5	1	4	159
236	Oil City.....	7	1	8	2	2	241
237	Excelsior.....	19	2	7	2	5	468
238	Newport.....	4	2	2	....	....	68
239	Danville.....	....	1	4	....	....	78
240	Palestine.....	28	4	14	4	6	621
241	Bellefonte.....	....	....	2	1	....	95
242	Pittston.....	8	....	1	1	4	171
243	T. B. Freeman.....	30	4	13	2	5	826
244	Norman.....	13	1	4	....	1	195
245	Abington.....	4	....	1	1	....	133
246	Warrior Run.....	9	2	....	....	1	150
247	Orient.....	3	1	1	....	....	253
248	Temple.....	10	....	10	8	1	284
249	Monongahela.....	7	2	3	....	5	195
250	Corinthian.....	10	2	5	1	6	353
251	Signet.....	13	1	7	1	....	240
252	Mizpah.....	1	....	4	1	....	90
254	Arnold.....	5	....	....	....	....	46
255	Bedford.....	6	1	1	....	3	88
256	University.....	62	5	8	15	8	704
257	Shiloh.....	21	....	14	3	....	611
258	Chester.....	18	1	7	2	1	377
259	Eden.....	7	....	3	1	....	180
260	Bradford.....	6	3	7	2	12	265

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
261	Troy.....	4	....	3	2	....	82
262	Montgomery.....	8	1	2	1	1	219
263	Coudersport.....	2	1	....	....	....	87
264	Shamokin.....	4	....	....	....	....	149
265	Westfield.....	2	1	2	....	....	37
266	Good Samaritan.....	2	....	5	2	5	105
267	Coatesville.....	16	1	1	....	1	180
268	Pittsburgh.....	30	5	5	....	9	545
269	Ulysses.....	10	2	1	....	....	50
270	Doylestown.....	5	....	1	....	....	127
271	Pottstown.....	9	....	....	1	4	198
272	Hebron.....	6	....	2	1	6	89
273	Butler.....	10	5	3	....	9	237
274	Bangor.....	4	....	2	....	....	100
275	Kennett.....	6	....	2	....	1	68
276	The Susquehanna.....	1	....	2	1	1	69
277	Hazelon.....	5	....	2	....	2	170
278	Catasauqua.....	8	1	1	....	3	155
279	Kane.....	....	....	....	1	1	87
280	Cyrus.....	34	1	1	....	1	314
281	Monroe.....	2	....	3	....	3	121
282	McKeesport.....	68	....	3	2	....	576
283	Connellsville.....	9	....	4	....	....	146
284	Melita.....	31	1	4	....	4	659
285	Wilkinsburg.....	11	7	1	....	1	315
286	Bellevue.....	18	2	2	....	2	258
287	Nanticoke.....	1	....	1	1	....	30
288	Mizpeh.....	19	....	1	4	....	210
289	Valley.....	21	....	1	....	....	151
290	Monessen.....	14	....	2	....	....	141
291	Ezra.....	13	....	....	....	....	90
292	Slatington.....	6	....	....	....	....	62
293	Amity.....	12	1	1	....	....	68
294	Darius.....	8	2	....	....	....	65
		1,527	155	522	176	299	33,188

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report which was received and the resolution attached was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., September 4, 1913.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The request of the "Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia" for recognition having been referred to your Committee on Correspondence, we submit the following report:

A previous request from this Grand Chapter for recognition was presented to our Grand Chapter, and report was made thereon at the Quarterly Communication held March 2, 1905.

The report was made by the then Chairman, M. E. Companion MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, Past Grand High Priest. We submit the following from this report:

"Your Committee regrets that it is not informed as to the attitude of the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland toward the new Grand Chapter, or the feeling toward it of the Chapters in Western Australia which are not of its obedience. But even if we were assured that the sentiments of these bodies are friendly, we are still confronted with the question, 'Is a so-called Supreme Masonic Body, which has not the allegiance of all the bodies in its territory, entitled to recognition as such?' To say that it is, is to abandon the principles which have governed the Grand Chapter ever since its organization, and which are founded upon the soundest elements of Masonic law.

"We have given the subject careful consideration and the respectful attention which it deserves, and while we are inclined to be liberal and progressive, we are not so to the point of abandoning the safeguards that our fathers put around the Masonic Institution to preserve its stability and prevent latitudinarianism.

"We regret that our sense of duty compels us to report adversely to the request for recognition made to us by our Companions of Western Australia, and offer the following and move its adoption:

"*Resolved*, That as the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia has not the allegiance of all the Chapters in Western Australia, and on account of the lack of further information, we decline to recognize it as the Supreme Grand Chapter of that State."

The report was received and the resolution attached adopted. We have also given the matter careful consideration, have examined all reports of this Grand Chapter to which we have had access, also the letter of Grand Scribe "E" under date of March 31, 1913.

We greatly regret to say that the conditions which existed at the time of the previous report still exist, and the attitude of the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland is clearly established by the following from the letters of "Grand Scribe E":

"We regret to state that both England and Scotland have still deferred



granting us recognition." That this Grand Chapter is not Supreme within the territory claimed by them, is evidenced by the fact that there are at this time three Chapters within said territory which hold allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

We regret that loyalty to our Grand Chapter and to Capitular Masonry compels us to report against the request of our Companions of Western Australia for recognition.

We offer the following, and move its adoption:

*Resolved*, That as the Supreme Grand Chapter, of Western Australia has not the allegiance of all the subordinate Chapters in Western Australia, nor the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, to which said three Subordinate Chapters hold allegiance, we decline to recognize it as the Supreme Grand Chapter of that Province.

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,  
WALTER T. TAGGART,  
STOCKTON BATES,  
*Committee on Correspondence.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the death of Grand Chaplain Companion CHARLES H. BOND and paid a just tribute to his merits as a man and to his character as a Mason.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion JOHN W. PALMER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. Died June 19, 1913.

M. E. Companion JOHN M. OATHOUT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas. Died June 20, 1913.

M. E. Companion JOHN F. BARROWS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died July 9, 1913.

M. E. Companion JOHN A. LADD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois. Died July 13, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by Companion THOMAS A. MILLAR, M. E. High Priest of Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 250, assisted by Companions ALEXANDER R. COLHOUN as King and HARRY W. SHELLY as Scribe.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty minutes P.M.

STOCKTON BATES,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,  
DECEMBER 4, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443.

PRESENT:

Comp.	GEORGE B. WELLS.....	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	WINFIELD S. BELL.....	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN.....	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER.....	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	STOCKTON BATES.....	<i>acting M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D..	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.....	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER.....	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	BERTRAM D. REARICK.....	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST.....	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JAMES ANDREW GIBSON.....	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	ROBERT D. COLE.....	<i>as Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN.....	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, JOHN C. TAYLOR, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, MILTON E. GINGRICH, DAVID J. DAVIS, HENRY L. MOORE, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, HENRY M. KINSEL, PORTER W. LOWRY, EDWARD HOPE, DAVID CARLIN, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, ALLAN W. URMSON, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.

*Grand Representatives.*

Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.



Comp. SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

- " WILLIAM M. DONALDSON, of Grand Chapter of Colorado.
- " FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
- " FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
- " HOWARD M. BROWN, of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.
- " GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
- " JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
- " SAMUEL W. WRAY, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
- " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
- " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
- " CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
- " WILLIAM H. DENLINGER, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
- " J. MURRAY AFRICA, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
- " GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
- " CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- " S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
- " WILLIAM S. SEMPLE, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
- " A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- " CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
- " EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
- " STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
- " A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
- " PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
- " HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
- " SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.
- " JOHN C. WALLACE, of Grand Chapter of West Virginia.
- " WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
- " WINFIELD S. BELL, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 161, 162, 163, 165, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 178, 179, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 192, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 200, 201, 202, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 217, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 266, 267, 268, 270, 271, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 292, 294, 295. (105 Chapters.) (231 members.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 4, 1913, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapter No. 295 and Chapters Nos. 243 and 246 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the Minutes:

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 4, 1913.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of the Grand Chapter present this, their Fifth Annual Report:

#### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

Consisting of the following securities:

One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 352, Series M, City of Philadelphia, 3 per cent. Loan of 1893, Principal due December 31, 1917, interest due January 1 and July 1.....	\$1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 550, Series G, City of Philadelphia, 3 per cent. Loan of 1898, Principal due December 31, 1914, interest due January 1 and July 1.....	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. Loan of 1902, Principal due July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1.....	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. Loan of 1904, Principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1.....	500 00
Five	(5)	\$1000	Electric & People's Stock Trust Certificates, 4 per cent. Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, Principal due , 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1.....	5,000 00
Forward .....				<hr/> \$8,500 00

Over .....			\$8,500 00
Five	(5)	\$1000 Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loan 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, Principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1.....	5,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1000 Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central Collateral Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, Principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1.....	5,000 00
Two	(2)	\$1000 Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway, Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, Principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1.....	2,000 00
Three	(3)	\$1000 Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 53232, 53233 and 59829, Principal due May 1, 1948, interest due May 1 and November 1.....	3,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1000 Bonds, Reading Company, General Mortgage 4 per cent., Nos. M32555, 32556, 42522, 47884 and 62867, Principal due January 1, 1997, interest due January 1 and July 1.....	5,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000 Bond, Borough of Sheraden, Allegheny County, 5 per cent., No. 5, Funding Bond, Series H, Principal due November 1, 1917, interest due May 1 and November 1 (principal registered).....	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000 Bond, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, Principal due June 1, 1997, interest due June 1 and December 1.....	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000 Bond, Philadelphia & Erie General 5 per cent. (now First Mortgage), No. 11233, Principal due July 1, 1920, interest due Apr. 1 and Oct. 1..	1,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1000 Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 126, 127, 323, 328 and 329, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (Principal due July 1, 1931—may be called after September 1, 1916).....	5,000 00
One	(1)	\$500 Bond, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., Masonic Home Loan, No. 75, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (Prin- cipal due July 1, 1931—may be called after September 1, 1916).....	500 00
Making total par value of.....			<u>\$37,000 00</u>



## INCOME ACCOUNT.

1912.			
Dec.	2.	Check—Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, due December 1, 1912.....	\$17 50
1913.			
Jan.	2.	Five (5) coupons—Reading Company General 4s, due January 1, 1913.....	100 00
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3½s, due January 1, 1913....	26 25
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3s, due January 1, 1913.....	15 00
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3s, due January 1, 1913.....	37 50
		Check—Interest on Masonic Home Loan.....	40 00
Apr.	4.	Check—Philadelphia & Erie General Mortgage 5s, due April 1, 1912.....	25 00
		Check—Electric & People's 4s, due April 1, 1913.....	100 00
		Five (5) coupons—Pennsylvania Railroad 4s, due April 1, 1913.....	100 00
		Five (5) coupons, Reading Company 4s, due April 1, 1913.....	100 00
May	3.	Check—Pennsylvania Railroad Company 4s, due May 1, 1913.....	60 00
	7.	One (1) coupon—Borough of Sheraden 5s, due May 1, 1913.....	25 00
		Two (2) coupons—Market Street Elevated Passenger Railroad 4s, due May 1, 1913.....	40 00
June	6.	Check—Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway 3½s, due June 1, 1913.....	17 50
July	1.	Check—City of Philadelphia 3½s, due July 1, 1913.....	26 25
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3s, due July 1, 1913.....	30 00
		Check—Interest on Masonic Home Loan.....	105 95
		Five (5) coupons—Reading Co. General 4's.....	100 00
Oct.	1.	Five (5) coupons—Reading Company Jersey Central 4s, due October 1, 1913.....	100 00
		Five (5) coupons—Pennsylvania Company 4s, due October 1, 1913.....	100 00
		Check—Philadelphia & Erie General Mortgage 5s, due October 1, 1913.....	25 00
		Check—Electric & People's 4s, due October 1, 1913.....	100 00
Nov.	15.	Two (2) coupons—Market Street Elevated Passenger Railroad 4s, due November 1, 1913.....	40 00
		Two (2) coupons, Borough of Sheraden 5s, due November 1, 1913.....	25 00
		Check—Pennsylvania Railroad 4s, due Nov. 1, 1913..	60 00
			<u>\$1,415 95</u>

All of which was paid over to the M. E. Grand Secretary immediately upon its collection, and his receipt taken therefor.

In accordance with authority given us by Grand Chapter, we collected \$1000 certificate No. 91, Series J, 3 per cent. loan of 1893, and \$500 certificate No. 25, Series E, 3 per cent. loan of 1908, which fell due December 31, 1912, and reinvested the amount thereof, \$1500, with the \$2000 appropriation, in Masonic Home Loan.

Fraternally submitted,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS,  
EDWARD PERRY,  
CHARLES CHIPMAN,

*Trustees of the G. H. R. A. Chapter.*

The Committee on Finance made the following  
QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 26, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from September 1, 1913, to November 26, 1913, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges.....	\$2,112 90	
Interest on Investments.....	450 00	
Constitutions.....	2 00	
Interest on Deposits.....	50 03	
Certificates.....	2 00	
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	\$2,616 93	
To which add balance September 1, 1913.....	3,087 92	
Total.....	<hr/>	\$5,704 85

## EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest.....	\$1,500 00	
Rent.....	1,650 00	
Salaries.....	862 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery.....	142 70	
Telephone Service.....	34 05	
District Deputy Grand High Priests.....	25 00	
Instructor in the Work.....	75 00	
Charity.....	100 00	
Clothing.....	120 55	
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	\$4,509 80	
To which add balance on November 20, 1913.....	1,195 05	
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		\$5,704 85

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,  
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,  
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report and Estimate for the year 1914, which was received and the resolution attached was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 26, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that it has examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of \$37,000, as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1913, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:



## RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges.....	\$12,597 00	
Interest on Investments.....	1,415 95	
Interest on Balances.....	71 09	
Certificates.....	36 00	
Dispensations.....	6 00	
Constitutions.....	16 00	
Warrants.....	600 00	
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	\$14,742 04	
To which add balance November 20, 1912.....	780 39	
	<hr/>	\$15,522 43

## EXPENDITURES.

Extra Expenses retiring M. E. Grand High Priest....	\$311 39	
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest.....	3,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests.....	1,340 50	
Salaries.....	3,450 00	
Clothing and Furniture.....	121 90	
Printing, Postage and Stationery.....	1,224 78	
Telephone Service.....	101 39	
Instructor in Work and Installing Officers.....	302 42	
Charity.....	200 00	
Investments.....	2,000 00	
Masonic Home.....	500 00	
Jewel.....	125 00	
Rent.....	1,650 00	
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	\$14,327 38	
To which add balance November 26, 1913.....	1,195 05	
	<hr/>	\$15,522 43

The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund, as per last report, showed a balance of.....	\$1,142 82
Add interest to March 1, 1913.....	5 22
Add interest to September 1, 1913.....	11 55
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Balance of this fund in hands of Grand Treasurer..... \$1,159 59

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1914.

Balance on hand.....	\$1,195 05
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## RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges.....	\$12,600 00
Interest on Investments.....	1,500 00
Constitutions, Dispensations, etc.....	25 00
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	14,125 00
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	\$15,320 05

## EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest.....	\$3,000 00
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests.....	1,500 00
Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.....	500 00
Salaries—M. E. Grand Secretary.....	2,000 00
Assistant Grand Secretary.....	1,200 00
Grand Tyler.....	250 00
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals.....	1,500 00
Expenses of Instruction in the Work.....	500 00
Rent.....	1,650 00
Clothing and Furniture.....	200 00
Investments.....	2,500 00
Estimated Balance.....	520 05
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	\$15,320 05

The Committee offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates, as they may become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,  
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,  
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was received and read, and the resolutions attached thereto were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed

By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it, and offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 295 be amended to conform to the Constitution of Grand Chapter, as noted on the copy, and as thus amended, they be approved,

*Resolved*, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 243 and 246 be approved,

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,  
A. HOWARD THOMAS,  
HENRY W. SMITH,  
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,  
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,  
*Committee.*

The following report was received and read from the Committee on Charity:

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Charity respectfully report having given careful attention to the widow of a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter until her sudden death, which occurred on October 22, 1913, and using the balance of the appropriation, allowed the Committee under resolution, adopted by Grand Chapter, March 7, 1912, towards assisting in defraying her funeral expenses.

She was ever deeply grateful for the kind thought and remembrance of this Grand Chapter, which so materially helped to lighten her days of suffering, and desired us to express her sincere thanks and appreciation.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. POORE, *Chairman*,  
CURTIS H. HANNUM.

*Committee:*

JOHN E. POORE,  
CURTIS H. HANNUM,  
GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE,  
J. HENRY LAPE,  
HENRY STRUNTZ.



The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 4, 1913.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that the International Printing Company, to whom was awarded the contract for printing the Proceedings for 1912, completed its contract to the full satisfaction of the Committee.

The expenditure of \$1224.78 for the year includes the cost of postage and stationery and the printing, binding, publishing and distribution of the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,  
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,  
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,  
MURRAY GORGAS,  
*Committee.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a brief statement that M. E. Companion CHARLES CARY, the present M. E. Grand Secretary, finding that the condition of his health would no longer permit, had declined a re-election and directed the acting Grand Secretary to read the following communication:

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., November , 1913.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of  
Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The condition of my health is such that I must, in justice to the Grand Chapter, ask that my name be not considered as a candidate for the Office of Grand Secretary.

In thus declining re-election, I take the opportunity to tender my sincere thanks for the fraternal consideration extended to me by the Companions of Grand Chapter and to ask that I may be held in kindly remembrance.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES CARY.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers, who having reported, the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following-named Companions duly elected:

Companion	GEORGE B. WELLS.....	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	WINFIELD S. BELL.....	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN.....	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER.....	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	STOCKTON BATES.....	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Companion WINFIELD S. BELL was installed M. E. Grand King, was duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft.

Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion HIBBERT P. JOHN, offered the following resolution:

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of  
Grand Chapter.*

In view of the long and valuable services of Companion CHARLES CARY as Most Excellent Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, be it resolved that he be designated as Emeritus Most Excellent Grand Secretary as an expression of the affection and esteem of the members of this Grand Chapter.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion SAMUEL H. BENSON, JR., Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware. Died July 18, 1913.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama. Died August 7, 1913.

M. E. Companion CHARLES E. DUNN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. Died September 25, 1913.

Companion ABEL M. HALLOWELL, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. Died October 24, 1913.

The following certificate was presented and read:

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, 1913.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto Belonging:*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—At a stated meeting of St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 232, held on Tuesday, December 2, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, the following was among its transactions:

“This being the time fixed by the Constitution of Grand Chapter for the Election of Officers, the M. E. High Priest appointed the following as Tellers of the Election. . . .

“The Chapter proceeded to a ballot, when the vote being counted, it appeared that the following Companion was duly elected:

“Companion GEORGE W. SEEDS, M. E. High Priest.

Extract from the Minutes,

WILLIAM F. TRACY,  
*Secretary, Chapter No. 232.*

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion GEORGE W. SEEDS was duly installed as High Priest of St. John Royal Arch Chapter, No. 232, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred



upon him by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, at the request of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at five o'clock and thirty minutes P.M.

STOCKTON BATES,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

# ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,  
ST. JOHN'S DAY,  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443.

PRESENT:

Comp.	GEORGE B. WELLS.....	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, M. E. Grand Scribe.....	<i>acting M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. High Priest.....	<i>acting M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER.....	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	STOCKTON BATES.....	<i>acting M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D..	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.....	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER.....	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	BERTRAM D. REARICK.....	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST.....	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JAMES ANDREW GIBSON.....	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN.....	<i>as Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN.....	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, JOHN C. TAYLOR, PETER K. FILBERT, ARTHUR W. GILLAN.

*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, HENRY OSCAR KLINE, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.

*Grand Representatives.*

- Comp. ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.  
“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.  
“ FRED PAUL SHER. of Grand Chapter of Delaware.  
“ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.  
“ H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.  
“ HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.  
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.  
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.  
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.  
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.  
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.  
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.  
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.  
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.  
“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.  
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.  
“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 165, 169, 171, 173, 175, 176, 177, 183, 190, 192, 197, 198, 208, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 250, 255, 256, 258, 262, 271, 284. (34 Chapters.) (87 members.) (8 visitors.)

M. E. Companion LORENZO D. SANBORN, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, accompanied by V. E. Companion ROBERT A. MEEKER, Deputy Grand High Priest; E. Companion FRED T. CRANE, Grand Scribe; E. Companion PETER MCGILL, P. G. H. P., Grand Secretary; M. E. Companion NELSON Y. DUNGAN and M. E. Companion JACOB J. WARE, P. G. H. P., and E. Companion J. V. HARING, Grand Master of the First Vail, honored the Grand Chapter with their presence.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 4, 1913, were read and approved.



The Committee on Finance to which was referred the resolution to designate the late Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion CHARLES CARY, Secretary Emeritus, reported a resolution in favor thereof and fixed the salary at five hundred dollars per annum, which resolution was unanimously adopted.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 152, 161, 164, 169, 178, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 191, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 200, 201, 202, 206, 207, 211, 219, 223, 224, 226, 227, 228, 234, 238, 240, 243, 247, 248, 250, 256, 259, 261, 262, 264, 270, 275, 276, 283, 284, 285, 290, 292 (51 Chapters) and Mark Lodge 214, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

On motion of M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., duly made and seconded by M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS, it was resolved that the report of the Committee on Correspondence, when completed, be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest.

A Communication was received and read from M. E. Companion THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, with headquarters at Masonic Temple, Alexandria, Va., addressed to M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Grand High Priest of The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The communication asks that this Grand Chapter will "look with favor upon

the organization (The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association), approve its purposes and participate in its conventions.”

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to refer the communication to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday afternoon, December 4, 1913, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion GEORGE B. WELLS was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging*, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft:

Comp. SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P.,  
*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ STOCKTON BATES, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, presented his annual address:

COMPANIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER:—Together let us rejoice that to us it is given to assemble this evening



in Annual Grand Communication to review the past, improve the present and safeguard the future, and may the joy of privilege be e'en o'ershadowed by the zeal of duty. While the placing of the emblem of authority in my hands a year ago lessened not your responsibility, it materially increased mine. And to-night it is meet that I should render you an accounting of my efforts.

Were I required to sum up in one short phrase the whole duty of a Grand High Priest, I would say to lead the Craftsmen heavenward. Despite my limitations, such has been my aim, never losing sight of the fact that homely and even inconsiderable means may be made to avail in the attainment of high and holy ends.

Thus, visitations have been made, meetings called, conferences held, instructions promulgated and hospitalities extended with an eye single to maintaining, increasing, extending and perpetuating the beneficent influences of Capitular Masonry over the lives and destinies of not only the thirty-five thousand Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania, but of the many thousands more whose lives are touched by theirs.

It is gratifying to record that we continue to enjoy with our sister jurisdictions those ideal relations which are only begotten of mutual confidence and respect, joined to coördinate devotion to a great and good cause.

Material prosperity has been vouchsafed us; three new Chapters have been added to our constituent



list; with rare exceptions, our Chapters show a steady, healthy increase in membership; the finances of Grand Chapter are in excellent and ever-improving condition, and the Quarterly Communications have been marked, not only by large attendance, but by a degree of decorum, dignity and fraternal spirit well calculated to stimulate the officers and members to increased endeavors.

So faithfully and efficiently have my predecessors wrought that harmony and concord reign throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction, and willingness to serve coupled with eagerness to advance the standards are manifest on every side.

Many questions have been asked and a considerable correspondence carried on, yet so comprehensive and explicit is our Constitution and so wisely has it been interpreted that by reference to page, article and section, with now and then a fraternal suggestion concerning "the better way," the necessity of recording any decisions has been obviated.

Several requests for permission to do things forbidden by the Constitution have been denied, but in each case the law was so plain that it seems unnecessary to swell these pages with their recital.

Visitations have been made as follows:

#### GRAND VISITATIONS.

January 3. To Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia.

May 9. To Palestine R. A. Chapter, No. 240, Philadelphia.

May 12. To Reading R. A. Chapter, No. 152, Reading, Pa.

June 23. To Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, Philadelphia. Sixtieth anniversary.

October 27. To R. A. Chapter No. 43, Lancaster, Pa.

October 28. To Orient R. A. Chapter, No. 247, Kittanning.

October 31. To Connellsville R. A. Chapter, No. 283, Connellsville.

November 18. To Pottstown R. A. Chapter, No. 271, Pottstown.

#### INFORMAL VISITATIONS.

March 3. To Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 250, Philadelphia.

March 10. To Melita R. A. Chapter, No. 284, Philadelphia.

March 12. To Philadelphia R. A. Chapter, No. 169, Philadelphia.

March 17. To Jerusalem R. A. Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia.

March 18. To University R. A. Chapter, No. 256, Philadelphia.

April 1. To Tristram B. Freeman R. A. Chapter, No. 243.

April 15. To Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, Philadelphia.

April 15. To Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 248, Philadelphia.

April 21. To Germantown R. A. Chapter, No. 208, Germantown, Philadelphia.

April 25. To Signet R. A. Chapter, No. 251, Philadelphia.

May 6. To St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 232, Philadelphia.

October 22. To Kensington R. A. Chapter, No. 233, Philadelphia.

Fraternity encouragement and instruction have been the watchwords of these visitations. Each visit marked the conferring or exemplification of at least one degree without abridgment, and wherever practicable the occasion was made a district gathering, the three degrees being worked by officers of three separate Chapters and witnessed by officers of a number of still other Chapters.

A most memorable event was the exemplification of the three degrees by the Pittsburg Capitular School in the Masonic Temple on Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, on the afternoon and evening of October 29, and the same thing repeated the following day in the Hall on the north side under the same auspices but by different corps of officers.

Besides the Grand Chapter Officers, there were in attendance each day officers of at least eighteen different Chapters of Pittsburg and neighboring towns and cities, four District Deputy Grand High Priests and scores of deeply interested Companions.

The work was uniformly excellent and in strict conformity with the requirements of Grand Chapter. The errors were remarkably few and the Grand High Priest pays willing tribute to the devotion, zeal and



efficiency of the Companions of Greater Pittsburg, and congratulates Grand Chapter on the possession of so inestimable an asset as the Pittsburg Capitular School.

Of course, all there is of compliment in the foregoing applies with equal force to our own inestimable Philadelphia School, but living among them day by day so accustomed have we become to their untiring devotion and splendid work that there is danger of our accepting their services and sacrifices as a matter of course.

During the year three new Chapters have been constituted, as follows:

May 12. Siegfried R. A. Chapter, No. 295, at Siegfried, Northampton County, by the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers.

May 13. Zebulun R. A. Chapter, No. 296, at Blossburg, Pa., by District Deputy Grand High Priest HENRY HIPPLE, assisted by a competent corps of emergency officers.

October 28. Homewood R. A. Chapter, No. 297, at Homewood, Allegheny County, by the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers.

The conditions under which these several Chapters commence their labors are such as to warrant the expectation that prosperity and usefulness will be vouchsafed them.

Conferences have been held as follows: on the afternoon of March 4 a conference of the District

Deputy Grand High Priests of the entire Jurisdiction was held in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia; April 30, in the afternoon, the High Priests of the Chapters meeting in and near Philadelphia met in conference in the Grand High Priest's room, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and on the afternoon of November 29 there was held in the same room a conference of the Kings of Chapters meeting in and near Philadelphia.

Elective Grand Officers and the Principal and Instructors of the Capitular School of Instruction participated in these conferences, at which matters appertaining to discipline, jurisprudence, ritualistic work, the duties, privileges and responsibilities of officers, etc., etc., were informally but fully discussed.

Each conference was followed by a dinner, in which all participated and at which good fellowship prevailed, thus more firmly cementing the fraternal bonds with which the Companions were already bound and making of each a minister unto all the others in furnishing a stimulus for continued and increasing usefulness and service.

Assurances of participants in these conferences, supported by my own observations, impress me that the idea is one to be cultivated with profit.

#### WORK.

The Capitular degrees were rehearsed in Grand Chapter as follows:

March 6. M. M. M. Degree by Officers of Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 52.



June 5. M. E. M. M. Degree by Officers of Palestine R. A. Chapter, No. 240.

September 4. Royal Arch Degree by Officers of Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 250.

At the Quarterly Communication held December 4, Companion GEORGE W. SEEDS was installed M. E. High Priest of St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 232, and the order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction.

#### DEATHS.

Twice hath the Death Angel from beyond the white veil beckoned a welcome to a member of the official family of Grand Chapter:

Companion CHARLES H. BOND, Grand Chaplain since December 27, 1905, was called home September 3, 1913. Companion BOND was an enthusiastic Mason and a faithful officer, and his readiness to serve and his genial companionship will long remain a grateful memory to Grand Officers past and present.

Companion WILLIAM P. ECKELS, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Twelfth District since December 27, 1912, passed on September 9, 1913. Companion Eckels was a man of high moral character and superior intellectual attainments and brought to the office he filled so well for so short a time such keen sense of *its* importance and *his* responsibility that his loss has been most keenly felt.

The Masonic records of Brothers BOND and ECKELS are hereunto appended.



## DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been granted:

January 6. To Bellefonte R. A. Chapter, No. 241, to hold a special election for Scribe to fill vacancy caused by refusal of the Companion elected Scribe to be installed.

January 22. To Monroe R. A. Chapter, No. 281, to hold a special election for Scribe to fill vacancy caused by refusal of the Companion elected Scribe to be installed.

March 3. To Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, to hold a special election for Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by refusal of the Companion elected Treasurer to be installed, owing to ill health.

March 28. To Emporium R. A. Chapter, No. 227, to hold a special election for Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death of Treasurer.

April 18. To Montgomery R. A. Chapter, No. 262, to hold election for Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death.

April 18. To Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 202, to hold election for Treasurer. Vacancy caused by death.

May 8. To Venango R. A. Chapter, No. 211, to confer R. A. degree on Brother CHARLES CHRISTOPHER on same date as receiving M. M. M. degree and M. E. M. M. degree, Brother CHRISTOPHER having removed to Washington, D. C., since having had his petition regularly approved.

May 17. To Westfield R. A. Chapter, No. 265,

Westfield, Pa., to hold election for Secretary to fill vacancy caused by permanent removal of Secretary from the Jurisdiction.

Because of the death of D. D. Grand High Priest WILLIAM P. ECKELS, I commissioned Companion WILLIAM H. DENLINGER, Past High Priest of Clearfield R. A. Chapter, No. 228, Clearfield, as my personal representative to install the officers of the Chapters in the Twelfth District, after he was satisfied that the High Priest-elect of every Chapter was qualified to assume his station.

#### WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

I have, on request, granted Waivers of Jurisdiction as follows: To Ohio, 3; to New Jersey, 3; to Maryland, 2.

I have requested and obtained waivers of Jurisdiction as follows: From Ohio, 1; from New Jersey, 1.

Responding to a most courteous invitation extended by M. E. Companion ABRAM A. REGER, it was my privilege and pleasure to attend the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, at Trenton, May 14, 1913, accompanied by Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, M. E. Grand Scribe; Companion STOCKTON BATES, Acting M. E. Grand Secretary; Most Excellent Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Past Grand High Priest; Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Grand Captain of the Host, and Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand Marshal.

Capitular Masonry prospers in New Jersey, even as in Pennsylvania and the session of the Grand Chapter



of our sister State was most interesting and edifying, and the courtesies and hospitalities of our Companions across the river were characteristically thorough and whole-souled, and well calculated to strengthen the ties already strong that bind the two great Jurisdictions.

I was regretfully compelled to decline a very cordial invitation extended by M. E. Companion MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY to attend the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, held in the city of Albany, February 4 and 5, owing to having planned an absence from the country that included the dates named.

My last official act prior to this Annual Communication was to prepare a letter of instruction to District Deputy Grand High Priests, the purpose of which is to make it imperative that notices of meetings to members shall contain explicit information of the occupations of petitioners for degrees and membership.

Said letter also calls attention to the fact that the Constitution provides for the appointment of but one Chaplain and one Guide in subordinate Chapters, and specifies the order in which the names of appointed officers shall appear when printed on the notices, but leaving it as heretofore optional with the Chapter whether the names shall be printed at all.

I gladly embrace this opportunity of recording my high appreciation of the efficient co-operation and fraternal loyalty of all my coworkers in Grand Chapter, whether they, like I, were called to service by the



suffrages of their Companions or responded to my behest.

But, my Companions, all this is of the past. And wherefore the recital? Wherefore, indeed? For unless we gather from it a reminder of always present and ever-growing obligation and incentive to increased future usefulness, then is the labor worse than waste. Our business is character building and the world our workshop, and if that world be not the better because of us, then hath the boasted title of Royal Arch Mason become unto us a sham and a reproach. Together, then, let us turn our eyes towards the mountain heights and, with elbow touch and firmest tread, press on o'er the trail of duty and of service, never ceasing in our study of the WORD which to know truly is to know Him whose name it is. And may He ever have us in His holy keeping.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments for the present Masonic year, beginning December 27, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443:

#### APPOINTMENTS.

##### *District Deputy Grand High Priests.*

A. Companion PAUL J. PONTIUS, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214.

• B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251, 256 and Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.

C. Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, of Phil-

adelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250 and Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WAYNE J. PENNELL, of Berwyn, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198) and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion MILTON E. GINGRICH, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Adams, Berks, Lancaster, Lebanon and York.

4. Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Pike.

5. Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

6. Companion HENRY L. MOORE, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters No. 161, of Bradford County, and No. 172, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion PETER K. FILBERT, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill.

8. Companion WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Watsontown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union.

9. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chambers-

burg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

10. Companion HENRY M. KINSEL, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

11. Companion HENRY HIPPLE, of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters Nos. 194 and 296, of Tioga County, and No. 261, of Bradford County.

12. Companion O. BRUCE PORTER, of Clearfield, for the Counties of Cameron, Clearfield and Elk, and Chapter No. 279, of McKean County.

13. Companion THOMAS J. MELVIN, of Bradford, for the Counties of McKean (except Chapter No. 279, at Kane) and Potter, and Chapter No. 265, of Tioga County.

14. Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, of Butler, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

15. Companion EDWARD HOPE, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 257, 268, 285 and 297, of Allegheny County.

16. Companion DAVID CARLIN, of Bellevue, for Chapters Nos. 217, 280, 286, 288, of Allegheny County, and 150 and 294, of Washington County.

17. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, of McKeesport, for Chapters Nos. 282 and 289, of Allegheny County, No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 290, of Westmoreland County.



18. Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, of Connells-ville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland (except Chapters Nos. 249 and 290).

19. Companion ALLAN W. URMSON, of New Castle, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

20. Companion PETER BARKEY, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford and Erie (except Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County).

21. Companion CHARLES E. COOPER, of Oil City, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

*Trustees.*

M. E. Comp. J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.

“ EDWARD PERRY.

“ CHARLES CHIPMAN.

*Grand Chaplains.*

Comp. Rev. BENJAMIN F. DELO, of Clarion.

“ Rev. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ Rev. HORACE F. FULLER, of Philadelphia.

“ Rev. ROBERT C. BOWLING, of Kittanning.

“ Rev. CLARENCE H. WOOLSTON, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ Rev. JOHN G. WILSON, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, of Reading.

*Grand Captain of the Host.*

Comp. THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of Chapter No. 52.

*Grand Principal Sojourner.*

Comp. BENJAMIN EISEMAN, of Chapter No. 183.

*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*

Comp. AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of Chapter No. 243.

*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*

Comp. ROBERT A. WALKER, of Chapter No. 223.

*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*

Comp. BERTRAM D. REARICK, of Chapter No. 256.

*Grand Master of the First Vail.*

Comp. J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, of Chapter No. 232.

*Grand Marshal.*

Comp. JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Chapter No. 234.

*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

Comp. JAMES ANDREW GIBSON, of Chapter No. 222.

*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW, of Chapter No. 208.

*Grand Pursuivant.*

Comp. CHARLES S. WOOD, of Chapter No. 3.

*Grand Tyler.*

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

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M. E. Comp.	HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.,
"	" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., P. G. H. P.,
"	" EDGAR A. TENNIS, P. G. H. P.,
"	" MICHAEL W. JACOBS, P. G. H. P.
"	" EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P.,
"	" H. OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.,
"	" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.,
"	" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.,
"	" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.,
"	" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

*Committee on Appeals.*

M. E. Comp.	MICHAEL W. JACOBS, P. G. H. P.,
"	" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.,
"	" ADAM H. SCHMEHL,
"	" REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN,
"	" ADOLPH EICHHOLZ.

*Committee on Finance.*

M. E. Comp.	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.,
"	" M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
"	" WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
"	" E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
"	" J. WAELDER McMULLEN.

*Committee on By-Laws.*

M. E. Comp.	CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.,
"	" A. HOWARD THOMAS,



Comp. HENRY W. SMITH,  
“ WILLIAM A. RHOADS,  
“ WILLIAM R. SUTCH.

*Committee on Correspondence.*

M. E. Comp. WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.,  
“ “ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.,  
“ STOCKTON BATES,  
“ JOHN M. CORE,  
“ WALTER T. TAGGART.

*Committee on Charity.*

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“ CURTIS H. HANNUM,  
“ GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE,  
“ J. HENRY LAPE,  
“ HENRY STRUNTZ.

*Committee on Printing and Publishing.*

Comp. LOUIS M. WAGNER,  
“ JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,  
“ FRANK E. TOWNSEND,  
“ MURRAY GORGAS,  
“ WESLEY R. MORGAN.

CAPITULAR SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., *Principal.*

JOHN FETCH, ROBERT D. COLE,  
ROBERT L. BUEHLER.

At the request of the M. E. Grand Secretary,  
Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE was appointed

Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by Grand Chapter.

The distinguished Companions, visitors from the Jurisdiction of New Jersey, by invitation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, replied in happy vein in answer to the request as the name of each was called.

The Grand High Priest of New Jersey, in an appropriate address, presented to M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS a unique card beautifully engrossed on birch bark, in commemoration of the visit.

A communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, announcing the death of a distinguished Companion as follows:

M. E. Companion COLUMBUS CLARK ISAACS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died November 27, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty-five minutes P.M.

STOCKTON BATES,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS  
OF  
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter  
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- 1795, WILLIAM BALL.\*  
1796—1797, WILLIAM MOORE SMITH.\*  
1798—1802, JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH.\*  
1802—1805, ISRAEL ISRAEL.\*  
1806—1813, JAMES MILNOR.\*  
1814, RICHARD TYBOUT.\*  
1815, SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.\*  
1816—1817, WALTER KERR.\*  
1818—1821, BAYSE NEWCOMB.\*  
1822—1823, JOSIAH RANDALL.\*  
1824—1825, MICHAEL NISBET.\*  
1826, JOHN STEELE, JR.\*  
1827, TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN.\*  
1828, JOSEPH S. RILEY.\*  
1829—1831, JOHN M. READ.\*  
1832—1833, SAMUEL H. PERKINS.\*  
1834, ENOS S. GANDY.\*  
1835, JOHN Y. BLACK.\*  
1836—1840, JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.\*  
1841—1842, ALEXANDER DIMOND.\*  
1843—1844, WILLIAM WHITNEY.\*  
1845—1846, WILLIAM BARGER.\*  
1847, JOHN McGRATH.\*  
1848, JOHN J. KRIDER.\*  
1849, JAMES SIMPSON.\*  
1850—1851, DAVID C. SKERRETT.\*  
1852—1853, EDWARD P. LESCURE.\*  
1854, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE.\*

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\* Deceased.

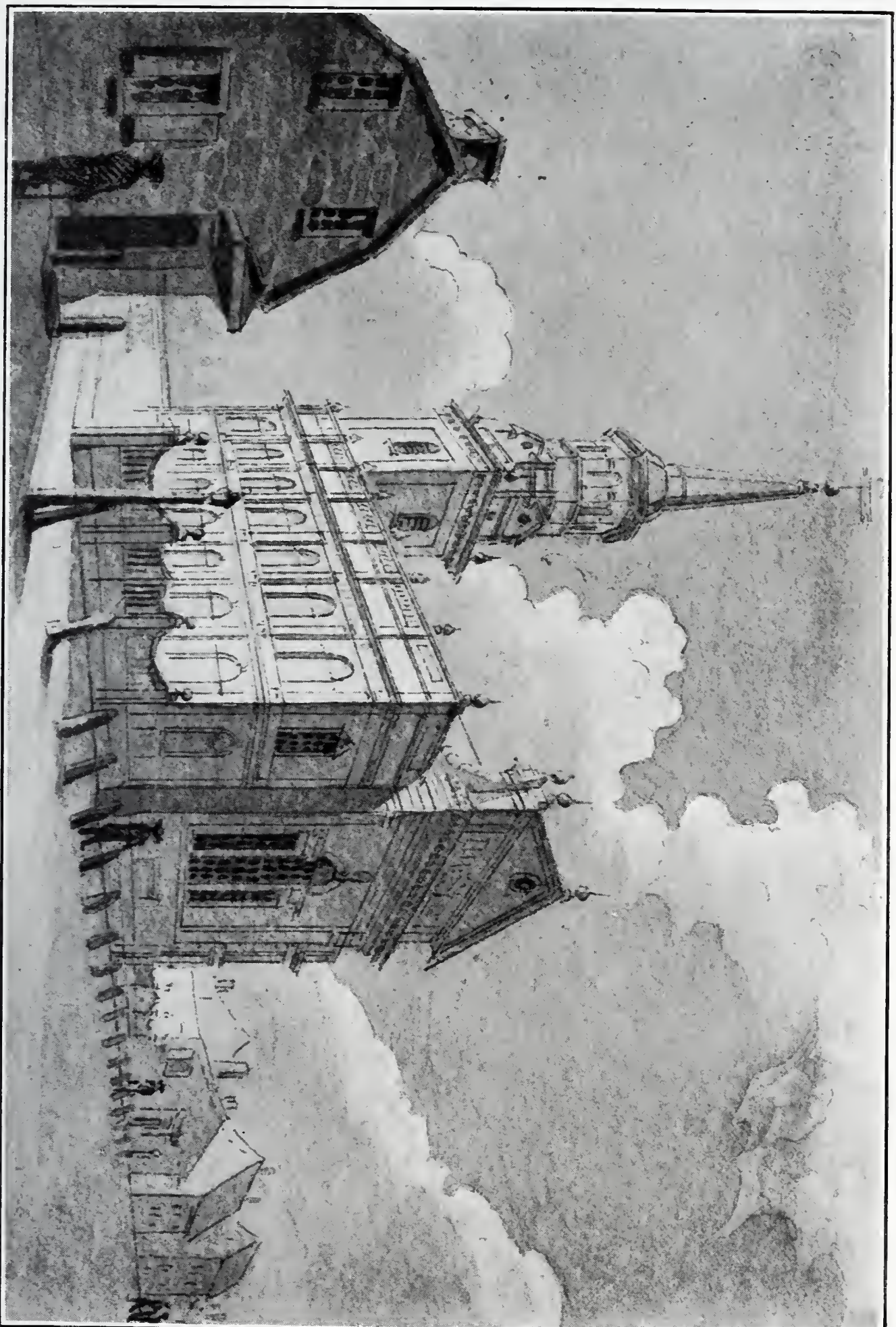


- 1855—1856, HARMAN BAUGH.\*  
1857, JOHN C. SMITH.\*  
1858—1859, DANIEL THOMPSON.\*  
1860, BENJAMIN PARKE.\*  
1861, HARMAN YERKES.\*  
1862—1863, JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON.\*  
1864—1865, GEORGE W. WOOD.\*  
1866—1867, SAMUEL C. PERKINS.\*  
1868—1869, GEORGE GRISCOM.\*  
1870—1871, MICHAEL NISBET.\*  
1874—1875, ANDREW ROBENO, JR.\*  
1876, GEORGE E. WAGNER.\*  
1877—1878, ALFRED R. POTTER.\*  
1879—1880, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON.\*  
1881—1882, HIBBERT P. JOHN.  
1883—1884, AUGUSTUS R. HALL.\*  
1885—1886, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.  
1887—1888, MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.\*  
1889—1890, JAMES S. BARBER.\*  
1891—1892, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.\*  
1893—1894, EDGAR A. TENNIS.  
1895—1896, EZRA S. BARTLETT.\*  
1897—1898, RICHARD M. JOHNSON.\*  
1899—1900, MICHAEL W. JACOBS.  
1901—1902, EDWARD B. SPENCER.  
1903—1904, H. OSCAR KLINE.  
1905—1906, J. HENRY WILLIAMS.  
1907—1908, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH.  
1909—1910, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.  
1911—1912, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.  
1913—1914, GEORGE B. WELLS.

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\* Deceased.



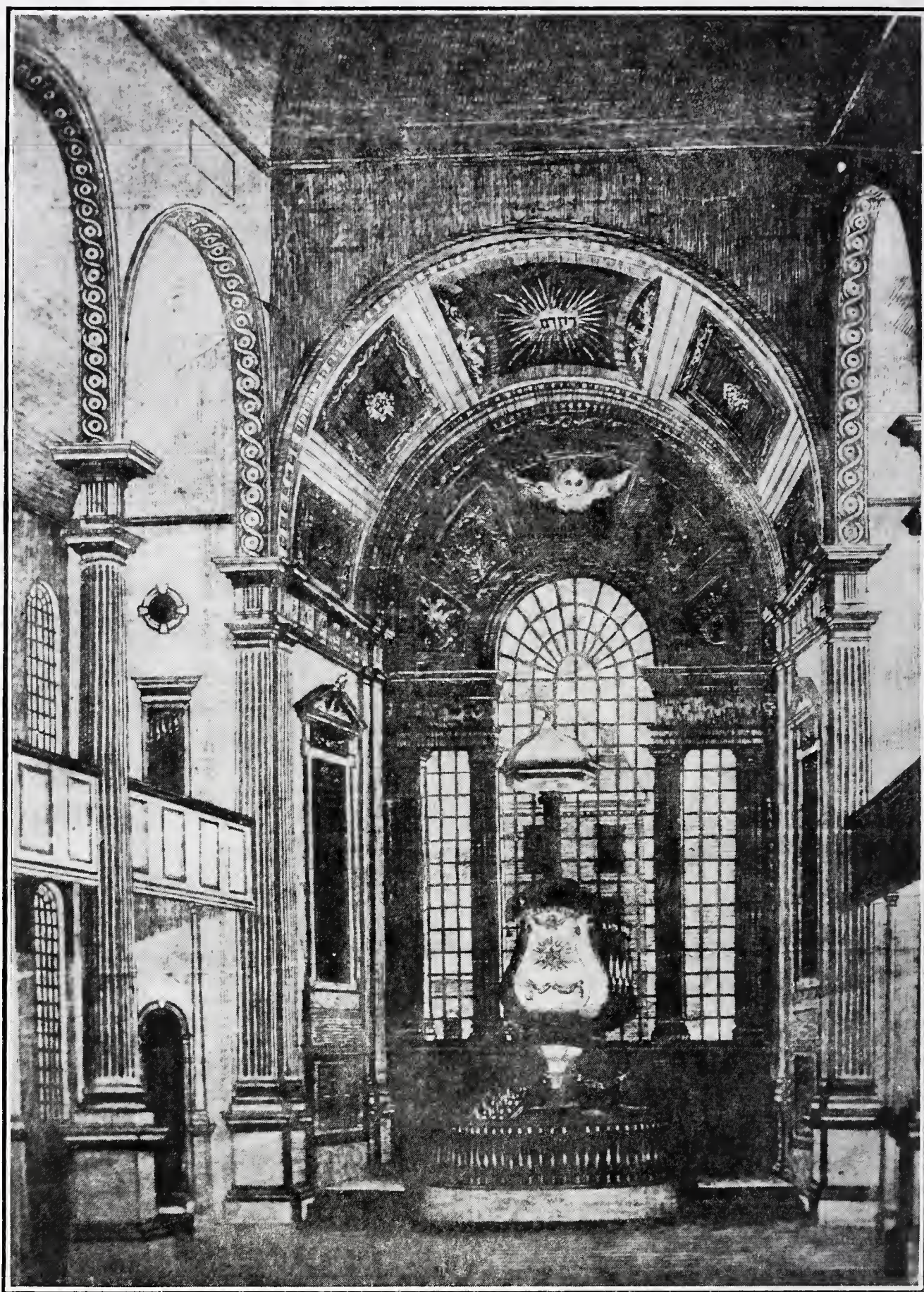


CHRIST CHURCH,

SECOND ABOVE MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA,

WHEREIN THE SERMONS WERE DELIVERED BEFORE THE GRAND LODGES OF BOTH "MODERNS" AND "ANCIENTS" IN PROVINCIAL DAYS.





CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

INTERIOR DURING THE PROVINCIAL PERIOD, SHOWING WHERE BROTHERS  
GEORGE WASHINGTON AND MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE WORSHIPPED.



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# Death

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I am the key that parts the gates of Fame;  
I am the cloak that covers cowering Shame;  
I am the final goal of every race;  
I am the storm-tossed spirit's resting-place;

The messenger of sure and swift relief,  
Welcomed with wailings and reproachful grief;  
The friend of those that have no friend but me,  
I break all chains, and set all captives free.

I am the cloud that, when Earth's day is done,  
An instant veils an unextinguished sun;  
I am the brooding hush that follows strife,  
The waking from a dream that Man calls—Life!

—*Florence Earle Coates.*

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## Our Dead

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Dead, my lords and gentlemen!—  
Stilled the tongue, and stayed the pen;  
Cheek unflushed and eye unlit—  
Done with life, and glad of it.

Curb your praises now as then:  
Dead, my lords and gentlemen.—  
What he wrought found its reward  
In the tolerance of the Lord.

Ye who fain had barred his path,  
Dread ye now this look he hath?—  
Dead, my lords and gentlemen—  
Dare ye not smile back again?

Low he lies, yet high and great  
Looms he, lying thus in state.—  
How exalted o'er ye when  
Dead, my lords and gentlemen!

—*James Whitcomb Riley.*

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# In Memoriam

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GRAND CHAPLAIN

REV. CHARLES H. BOND

Died September 3, 1913

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## In Memory of Past High Priests, Deceased

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	CHAPTER	DIED
THOMAS J. BELVILLE.....	No. 3	Sept. 15, 1913
J. WILSON HOFFA.....	" 21	Jan. 11, 1913
ROBERT SNODGRASS.....	" 21	Nov. 8, 1913
GEORGE E. DAVIS.....	" 161	Mar. 26, 1912
WILLIAM L. ROBINSON.....	" 165	Oct. 16, 1913
SOLOMON J. ROSENBAUM....	" 165	Mar. 24, 1913
CHARLES GEESEY.....	" 166	June 14, 1913
WILLIAM A. SOOY.....	" 169	Jan. 22, 1913
THOMAS J. SMITH.....	" 170	Oct. 20, 1913
LEROY T. BURNS.....	" 172	May 29, 1913
JOHN R. CAMERON.....	" 179	Oct. 30, 1913
GEORGE S. KIMBALL.....	" 179	Mar. 1, 1909
WILLIAM D. EVANS.....	" 179	Jan. 18, 1913
FRANCIS DUNSMORE.....	" 182	Dec. 24, 1913
WILLIAM T. REYNOLDS.....	" 183	Oct. 1, 1913
HARRY M. VAN ZANDT.....	" 186	Dec. 17, 1912
JACOB BOLARD.....	" 187	Nov. 6, 1912
JOHN LATTA.....	" 192	Feb. 15, 1913
MATTHEW M. FELKER.....	" 193	Mar. 14, 1913
JAMES FITZSIMMONS.....	" 193	Aug. 2, 1913
RICHARD H. BROWN.....	" 204	Feb. 6, 1911

## In Memory of Past High Priests, Deceased

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	CHAPTER	DIED
AUGUST J. REHBEIN.....	No. 204	Apr. 5, 1913
ROBERT M. McGARY.....	" 209	Sept. 1, 1913
GEORGE H. MYERS.....	" 216	Dec. 31, 1912
CHARLES P. HOLDERMAN..	" 217	Sept. 2, 1913
CHARLES A. COX.....	" 220	Feb. 26, 1913
LOUIS S. WHITCOMB.....	" 220	July 21, 1913
WILLIAM C. HACK.....	" 221	Dec. 19, 1912
WILLIAM R. CLARK.....	" 223	June 16, 1911
CYRUS H. BLOOD.....	" 225	Nov. 8, 1913
ALEXANDER J. H. MACKIE.	" 226	Apr. 14, 1913
JOHN YARD.....	" 226	Dec. 13, 1913
ROBERT D. PIDGEON.....	" 232	Dec. 14, 1912
JOHN McFARLAND.....	" 232	Nov. 9, 1913
EDWARD H. HALL.....	" 234	Aug. 27, 1913
DANIEL E. BYLES.....	" 236	July 21, 1913
CHESTER B. JENNINGS.....	" 237	Oct. 10, 1913
HARRY L. WHITELOCK.....	" 237	May 6, 1913
DANIEL S. BLOOM.....	" 239	Nov. 29, 1912
OGDEN H. OSTRANDER.....	" 239	Feb. 18, 1912
MARK H. COBB.....	" 240	June 8, 1913
NATHAN G. WARD.....	" 240	Dec. 3, 1912



# In Memory of Past High Priests, Deceased

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	CHAPTER	DIED
JOHN FLOYD.....	No. 242	June 21, 1913
CHARLES E. HART.....	" 244	Aug. 17, 1912
ARTHUR H. WOODWARD.....	" 248	Sept. 12, 1913
BENJAMIN F. HUGHES.....	" 250	Oct. 23, 1913
LEANDER C. HALL.....	" 250	Mar. 3, 1913
SAMUEL A. VAN ORMER.....	" 255	Sept. 11, 1913
ELIJAH M. LEE.....	" 259	Sept. 26, 1910
AMBROSE D. SLOAN.....	" 260	Aug. 15, 1913
WILLIAM HENRY SUTTON..	" 262	May 14, 1913
EDWARD A. BURT.....	" 269	June 28, 1913
THOMPSON RICHARDS.....	" 275	Jan. 27, 1912
BENJAMIN THOMPSON.....	" 275	Nov. 22, 1912
WILLIAM P. ECKELS.....	" 279	Sept. 9, 1913
GEORGE PORTER.....	" 283	June 7, 1913
SAMUEL B. SICKELSMITH...	" 283	Dec. 30, 1912

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned. The proceedings of those Grand Jurisdictions marked with an asterisk did not reach the Grand Secretary in time for distribution.

Alabama .....	}	WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
Arizona .....		
Arkansas .....		
California .....		
Canada .....		
Colorado .....		
Connecticut .....		
Delaware .....		
District of Columbia .....		
England .....		
England and Wales.....		
*England, Grand Mark Lodge....		
Florida .....		
*General Grand Chapter.....		
Georgia .....	}	STOCKTON BATES.
Idaho 1912-1913.		
Illinois .....		
Indiana .....		
*Iowa .....		
*Ireland .....		
Kansas .....		
Kentucky .....		
Louisiana .....		

Maine .....	}	JOHN M. CORE.
Maryland .....		
*Massachusetts .....		
Michigan .....		
Minnesota .....		
Mississippi .....		
Missouri .....		
Montana .....		
Nebraska .....		
*Nevada .....		
New Brunswick .....	}	WALTER T. TAGGART.
*New Hampshire .....		
New Jersey .....		
*New Mexico .....		
New York .....		
*North Carolina .....		
North Dakota .....		
*Nova Scotia .....		
Ohio .....		
*Oklahoma .....		
Oregon .....	}	STOCKTON BATES.
Quebec .....		
Rhode Island .....		
*Scotland .....		
South Carolina .....		
South Dakota .....		
Tennessee .....		
Texas .....		
Utah .....		
Vermont .....		
Victoria .....	}	
Virginia .....		
Washington .....		
West Virginia .....		
Wisconsin .....		
Wyoming .....		

We herewith present the report of the Committee on Correspondence for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1913; the alphabetical division of the proceedings has again been followed.



The review embraces all Jurisdictions with whom we are in correspondence, so far as their reports of proceedings have reached us; if there is any Jurisdiction omitted, it cannot be blamed on the Committee.

The Committee is human, and very human at that, hence we are liable to err, and what we say must be regarded as the opinion of the Committee, taking Pennsylvania Masonry as the standard.

While we would that all Masonry should be of the Pennsylvania Standard, we well know that such cannot be the case; possibly it is best that it is not. Its principles, however, are virtually the same—to elevate and ennoble mankind—so we can say that in this day you cannot visit any Grand or Subordinate Chapter in the English-speaking world but you will hear the same lessons taught as in your own Chapter.

We have differences, but they are well defined. We have many principles in common, and more that we should have.

There are principles in Capitular Masonry that the several Jurisdictions should agree upon. They have been referred to in the past.

*Visitations.*—The courtesy of visitation has grown into an almost universal custom, it is rarely denied, yet it may be. A visitor must not only prove himself in the usual way, but, as a rule, must produce a receipt for the payment of his dues, if that be questioned, then a Grand Chapter certificate. Most

Chapters have life members who are exempt from dues, these should have some form of certificate showing their standing. Grand Chapters have not adopted a uniform receipt, hence Subordinate Chapters have their own. A uniform receipt and a certificate for the above purposes should be adopted by Grand Chapters; if necessary, include a certificate of Grand Secretary as to the regularity of the Chapter.

The tendency to change, or perhaps better say to modernize, the "Ancient usages, customs and landmarks of Free Masonry," is certainly deserving of serious consideration. These come to us from those who preceded us, having been handed down from generation to generation, hence there should be no change. These ancient usages and customs have existed for so long a time, that they may be classed as landmarks; if such, they are unalterable. The Constitutions made and adopted by Grand Chapters are our only law; they are based on the usages, customs and landmarks, hence Grand High Priests are restricted by the landmarks, and the Constitution, which is higher than any individual governed by it. Grand High Priests have certain inherent rights, such as conferring or causing the degrees to be conferred in his presence, issuing dispensations for conferring the degrees, and such other dispensations permitted by the Constitution, but the indiscriminate issuing of dispensations for receiving petitions, balloting on applicants, and conferring degrees out of time



were never contemplated. It is becoming so general, that a number of the Grand Chapters are somewhat alarmed, many are condemning the practice, as is indicated by the following from Past Grand High Priest, Comp. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, of the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Iowa:

“If the laws of the Grand Chapter permit balloting out of time, why the necessity of a dispensation? If the law prescribes that petitions shall lie over for a certain period, why does not the Grand High Priest enforce the law instead of permitting its violation?”

This will certainly meet the approval of our Grand Chapter.

The disposition to change the work of the Capitular degrees is increasing. These degrees come to us by tradition, and should be preserved in their antiquity; the changes are mainly in the Royal Arch degree, and, in a measure, destroy the beauty of this most impressive degree. Various Grand Chapters are calling a halt—some in no uncertain terms. We again quote Past Grand High Priest CLEVELAND on this subject:

“The Grand High Priest consented to allow a Chapter to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon nine candidates, first receiving each team (trio) of three under the living arch, and obligate them, ‘then take them as a class through the work,’ which was approved by the Grand Chapter. Is this not straining a point? Conferring degrees upon classes may be done in some Masonic bodies, but we believe that the conferring of the Royal Arch should be upon a team of three, no more, no less. If it can be done upon nine candidates, why not upon ninety-nine? The old rule of three ought to be good enough for any of us.”

We believe this view on changes will be approved by a very large majority of Grand Chapters.



To-day ends our Masonic year. To us it has been a prosperous one; we hope it has been the same to all Grand Chapters and that in the coming year prosperity may increase.

W. B. M.

December 27, 1913.

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## ALABAMA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter met in its Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, on Monday, December 2, 1912.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, at nine o'clock A.M., by M. E. Companion LAWRENCE H. LEE, Grand High Priest, with all the Grand Officers in their respective stations and places. Sixty Chapters were represented. Eight Past Grand High Priests were present and forty-one Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The address of the Grand High Priest is lengthy and able; it covers very fully his doings as Grand High Priest, and is replete with Masonic information. We admire the introduction, as follows:

“Standing to-day in the gateway of the dawn of the eighty-sixth year of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, may we realize that the blended brightness of the past achievements cannot be dimmed or hid, save by the shadow-woven shroud of our own moral or intellectual darkness.

“Let us, then, remembering the lessons of wisdom spread upon the page of its past, turn our faces to the future with that patient perse-

verance, cheerful hopefulness, persistent seeking of cherished purposes, that actuated our companions of old times, that we, too, may find release from the bonds that bind, and be permitted to view the second temple completed and adorned as befits our high calling.

“I trust that the past year has been a fruitful one to each of us in good deeds, and that those things desired have come to each of you.

“I know we are prone to think and say that we do not get in this world all that we are entitled to, and certainly not all that we desire.

“Whether we do or not is difficult of decision. We cannot decide it. One thing we can be certain, however, and that is that without effort there can be no results. Effort is of self and must come from within us, therefore the results must come to us. Whatever is of self is of our will and within our power. The most that we can do, then, is to do what we can and all we can and do it the very best we know how. Then what should come to us will. It always does. And as it is not given to us to increase what we are able to carry wisely, and what it is right for us to have, it seems just a bit foolish and useless for us to argue whether we are getting our full share. The wisest philosophy is to do as best we may while we may. The results will then care for themselves.

“From a material as well as an ethical standpoint, we have made progress. The larger Chapters have been doing excellent work, and the less favored ones have been revived and strengthened. Many have been added to the rolls, and much of dead timber has been cut down and cast out. On the whole, a very gratifying increase in our numbers will be shown as the results of your efforts during the past year. Much zealous interest has been displayed in the principles and teachings of our august art, and its influence extended throughout the Jurisdiction.”

A custom prevails in this Grand Chapter of having all commissions as Grand Representatives expire with each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, hence he appointed Grand Representatives for all Grand Chapters with which they were in correspondence, also recommended Companions as Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

He issued quite a number of Dispensations to elect officers, to ballot on applicants out of time and to



confer degrees. My views on these subjects have been expressed freely, and it is with pleasure I quote his views:

“I have issued a good many Dispensations to ballot out of statutory time and confer degrees. I do not endorse the practice, and would have declined in a good many instances, but it has grown into a custom, and the Chapters expect it. In nearly every instance, these Dispensations were issued on account of a revival going on or to be set on foot in the Chapter, and it seemed necessary to enable the Chapter to get on its feet, and have a working quorum.

“I was present and assisted on several of these occasions, and it is my deliberate judgment that it would be much more conducive to the good of the particular Chapter if the petitions were allowed to take their regular course and the Chapter do the work on the various teams.”

Getting there—all will come to it in time.

He made seven Grand Visitations, at each visitation he was most courteously and fraternally greeted and entertained.

He made six decisions, all of which are doubtless good law for Alabama, and most of them for all Jurisdictions.

He condemned in strong terms, and justly so, the tendency of attempting frivolity, or perhaps better say burlesque, in conferring of degrees, as follows:

“We have no system of visitation and inspection, with the result that every Chapter, in matters of detail in the conferring of the degrees, is a law unto itself. Several instances have come under my observation of great abuse in the conferring of the P. M. and R. A. degrees. Some Chapters would turn the P. M. Degree into a burlesque, and I have known of instances where good men were so disgusted as to decline to receive the other degrees, or, if they went on, felt no further interest in Capitular Masonry. Other Chapters make an effort to introduce features in the Royal Arch degree that have no place there but savor more of the ceremonials of another Order.



“Of course, I corrected these abuses where I found them as best I could, and, in one or more instances, threatened to revoke the charter if the practice was persisted in. I suspect there are other Chapters indulging in similar ‘horseplay.’ This method of initiation should have the unqualified disapproval of the Grand Chapter, and I am of the opinion that the only way to permanently check it is a system of visitation and inspection of the work. To this end, then, I recommend that a committee be raised to consider this question, and report same to the next Annual Convocation.

“Some system of visitation and inspection is needed also for the information and instruction of Chapters as to the routine business of the Chapters, and especially the keeping of the record. This could be accomplished in the same way.”

In our own Jurisdiction all such conduct is absolutely prohibited. The only punishment for such conduct is suspension.

He attended the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis, and was deeply impressed with the importance of the meeting.

His closing will be of interest to all, hence we quote it:

“Now, my Companions, you have an account of my acts and doings in the honorable and exalted position to which your suffrage has elevated me. What their effect will be upon the future of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, time alone can tell. But, however potent for good or for ill my acts may eventually prove, I want you to understand that they were prompted by a sincere desire to measure up to the responsibilities you so cheerfully put upon me, and which I received with humility, and yet with a great and sincere gratitude to the craft. I hold my Masonic honors higher and more sacred than any that have or may come to me in the other walks of life, and I hope that the future may vindicate the wisdom of your choice of me as an humble vessel to carry the precious freight of our high calling across the gulf that opens into the seas and oceans of the ages yet to come. Fidelity to duty and principles, and perseverance to attain these ends amid difficulties and adversities is one of the many important lessons we get from Capitular Masonry.

“This life is not a mere period of probation for preparation to meet an unknown future. It is real and for a purpose here. We may not be

able to know its ultimate ends, but we must realize that there is work—real, constructive work—for each of us to do.

“Let us learn our lesson well, and pressing forward in the effort to live up to our character as Royal Arch Masons, may we attain, in deed and in truth, to the summit of our sublime and royal art, and so be hailed as ‘workmen that needeth not to be ashamed.’ ”

The Committee on Work reported, exemplified the work and conferred the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master upon a candidate, and the Royal Arch degree on three candidates, thus affording the Companions present an opportunity of seeing the approved work of the Jurisdiction.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were presented and approved. They show the finances of the Grand Chapter to be in a good condition.

An amendment to the Constitution was offered, making all officers of the Grand Chapter elective; it lays over until the next Annual Convocation. Better let well enough alone.

The present membership of the Grand Chapter is thirty-seven hundred seventy-six (3776), an increase of two hundred twenty-four (224) over last report.

A resolution was offered and Committee appointed to formulate some method or plan of visitation and inspection of constituent Chapters. Our plan of District Deputy Grand High Priests works admirably.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by that distinguished vet-



eran, M. E. Companion WILLIAM YATES WHITCOMB, who for so many years has filled the position of Chairman with distinguished honor and ability. A kind Providence has been good to him; may that goodness continue for many years, and may he round out the century milestone. Our Jurisdiction is accorded a courteous review of three pages. We are pleased that he indorses the Pennsylvania idea, that passing to the Chair has no place in Capitular Masonry.

A special report of the Committee on Jurisprudence of our own Grand Chapter in proceedings of 1912 fully covers this subject.

The first page contains an engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion LAWRENCE H. LEE.

M. E. Companion JOHN B. LYONS was elected Grand High Priest and M. E. Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

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## ARIZONA.

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held in the town of Bisbee, on Wednesday, February 12, 1913.

The Grand Chapter is composed of eight Constituent Chapters. Representatives of all Grand Chapters were present.



Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P.M., by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GEORGE HENRY NICHOLAS LUHRS; four of the Grand Officers were absent, their stations were filled by the Grand High Priest.

After the report of the Committee on Credentials, the Grand High Priest presented his address, which is unusually short, merely a review of his work. No visitations were made except to his own Chapter. But one Dispensation was issued.

He commissioned three Representatives near other Grand Chapters and recommended seven Companions as Representatives near his Grand Chapter.

No decisions were made, peace and harmony prevailing in the Jurisdiction.

The annual reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were presented. They show the Grand Chapter to be in sound financial condition, having assets to the amount of five thousand three hundred sixty and 84/100 (\$5,360.84) dollars, with a membership of seven hundred thirteen (713); an increase of eighteen (18) during the year. We have eight Chapters in our Jurisdiction, each of which has a larger membership than the Grand Chapter of Arizona, but the increase will come.

All Committees made reports, which were adopted. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. E. Companion MORRIS

GOLDWATER, as last year no report was made for publication, for reasons of economy. Never mind, Companions, all will be well in time.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GEORGE HENRY NICHOLAS LUHRS, adorns the first page.

M. E. Companion HARRY H. HUGHART was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

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## ARKANSAS.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, on Thursday, November 21, 1912.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, at ten o'clock A.M., by Companion JOHN M. OATH-OUT, M. E. Grand High Priest; all Grand Officers, except one, being present, also ten Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of fifty-six Subordinate Chapters were present.

The first business was to welcome M. E. Companion CHARLES N. RIX, Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.



The Grand High Priest presented his address. We deem the introduction of sufficient importance to quote:

“As our Companions of old, pioneers of the Capitular Rite, traveling through the trackless forests of unexplored Masonry, unaided by the blazed trails of experience, suffering the hardships and privations and the perils incident to their pioneer existence, often came together to renew their gratitude for deliverance from the dangers and hardships encountered once, but now happily past, and to take counsel one with the other that they might shape the devious course before them by the landmarks that lay behind, so do we meet again in social commingling, to recount the incidents and achievements that abound in our common past, and from the rich treasury of incident and experience to draw lessons of wisdom for future guidance.”

Rather an argument against looking to the future in determining Masonic subjects, but only to the ancient usages, customs and landmarks.

He pays tribute to his own and sister Jurisdictions. Three Past Grand High Priests of his own Jurisdiction were called home by the great I Am; engravings of them adorn the proceedings.

He made but one decision, which is doubtless good law in Arkansas.

He made three recommendations, all of which seem to be good Masonic law. The first, a recommendation that the Mark must be adopted and recorded before exaltation, which should be required in every Jurisdiction or else do away with the Mark altogether. The Committee on Jurisprudence amended the recommendation and suggested a plan which puts it up to the Chapters. It will not be enforced. With



us the adopting and recording of the Mark is an obligated duty and is complied with.

He was delighted with the General Grand Chapter and its doings, being favored with appointment on two committees. We note that all who attend the General Grand Chapter are pleased with it; our knowledge is from reading its Proceedings, we have no objection to it; no doubt, it is productive of good. In Pennsylvania we all love our Grand Chapter, hence have no need of a Court of last resort.

His farewell as a presiding officer is as follows:

“The year, with its joys and sorrows, its realizations and its disappointments, is ended, and I present my work for your inspection. Imperfect though it may be, unpolished and unadorned as it is, it is finished. There has been continuously with me as I have wrought in the quarries a full realization that my work must stand the test, not only of my Companions here, but must pass under the scrutinizing view of the Grand High Priest of all. To have presided over the destiny of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction is the summit of my gratification, the pleasant memories of which shall with me linger ever fresh so long as life may last. The honor conferred upon me shall be securely guarded, that it may be transmitted to my posterity untarnished.”

A resolution was offered and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which it would be wise to adopt in all Grand Chapters, that when any Grand Representative of a sister Jurisdiction fails to attend and perform his duties as such for two consecutive years, it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to request the Sister Grand Chapter, for whom the Grand Representative was appointed, to permit the recommendation of another Representative for that Grand Chapter.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary show the Grand Chapter to be in good financial condition. The present membership is four thousand two hundred thirteen (4,213), an increase of forty (40) during the year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Comp. GORDON HUFFMASTER, his first report. We congratulate him, it is a good one. We are treated very fairly, and portions of the Grand High Priest's address are commended.

Companion ROBERT LIDDELL was elected M. E. Grand High Priest and Comp. JOHN C. BONE was re-elected R. E. Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

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### CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held their Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation in the Asylum of Golden Gate Commandery, San Francisco, on April 15 and 16, 1913.

In the absence of M. E. Companion LEO VALTUS YOUNG WORTH, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter was opened at ten o'clock A.M., Tuesday, April 15, 1913, by R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM LYMAN. The Grand Scribe was also absent. The other Grand Officers were in their respective stations and places. Ninety-two (92) out of the one hundred and one (101) sub-



ordinate Chapters were represented, which is a most creditable attendance.

In accordance with what has become a custom, the earthquake and fire survivors of April 18, 1906, twenty-six in number, were given the Grand Honors and tendered seats in the East.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the membership, January 31, 1913, to be twelve thousand six hundred and ninety-two (12,692), a net gain of three hundred ninety-one (391) during the year. The total receipts during the year to be twelve thousand five hundred fifty-one and 15/100 (\$12,551.15) dollars.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the assets to be sixty-six thousand nine hundred forty-five and 46/100 (\$66,945.46) dollars.

The Grand Lecturer's report is voluminous. It shows his visits during the year, the Chapters of Instruction held, the condition of the work, and in reality a condensed report of the conditions of the many Chapters visited. He has a difficult task and is deserving of commendation.

The degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master were conferred by the Grand Lecturer and Deputies in a most acceptable manner, meeting the hearty approval of all. Grand Chapter expressed its appreciation by a unanimous vote of thanks.

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the proposed new Grand Chapter Constitution



submitted their report favoring the adoption; the Committee on Jurisprudence also presented their report, approving the adoption of the New Constitution; both reports were adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called off until Wednesday morning, April 16, at ten o'clock A.M., at which hour it was called on by M. E. Companion LEO VALTUS YOUNGWORTH, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest apologized for his absence at the opening of Grand Chapter, then presented his address, which is a complete review of his year of service.

He pays tribute to the memory of M. E. Companion CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, for forty-one years General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States and for forty-six years Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York; and also to the dead of his own Jurisdiction.

He granted five Dispensations to elect officers at other than the statutory time, also two to ballot on petitions out of the regular time. The granting of such Dispensations is becoming unpopular; if it is to be continued, the Constitutions of the Grand Chapters should be amended, to save the Grand High Priests the labor of issuing Dispensations. Does a Grand High Priest have the authority to set aside the provisions of the Constitution?

In company with the Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand King, he attended the Thirty-fifth Trien-

nial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, at Indianapolis, Ind., and extended an invitation to hold the Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation in the city of San Francisco, on Wednesday, September 1, 1915. The General Grand Chapter unanimously accepted the invitation.

He made over fifty visitations during the year, which was certainly a strong evidence of devotion to duty. In speaking of his visitations, he says:

“During our visits to these various Chapters, we have been delightfully entertained and a hearty welcome was extended to us on every hand, and it would be impossible for me to point out any particular Chapter which has done more or exceeded any other Chapter in this regard.

“I am a Californian, bred and born, and have always been very proud of my native land, and my various experiences with the Companions in the different sections of this State has impressed me that the hospitality and generosity of the pioneers is as much in evidence in our great State to-day as it was in the days of '49. I feel that while I have put in considerable time, thought and effort to the work of the Grand Chapter during my term of office, I have personally got a great deal more out of it than I have put into it.”

He rendered very efficient service in the flood disaster of Ohio and Kentucky.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIES. It is a complete and able report. We congratulate the writer; our Jurisdiction receives favorable comment.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM LYMAN was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIES, re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.



## CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada held its Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall in Temple Building, Toronto, on Wednesday, February 26, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A.M. by M. E. Companion FRED A. HARCOURT as Grand Z; most of the elective and a few of the appointive officers were present.

One hundred and twelve Chapters were represented; forty-seven being without representation.

In the roll call of Representatives of sister Grand Chapters our Representative failed to answer.

The Grand Z presented his address, which is able and entertaining. In speaking of the growth and progress of the Grand Chapter, he says:

“As regards the internal affairs of Grand Chapter during the past year, the tale can be soon told. It has kept pace with the wonderful prosperity of the country. It has, in fact, been the most successful year in the history of this Grand Chapter. We have added 1,923 members to our rolls, and deducting losses by death and other causes, leaves us a net gain for the period of over 1,230; our total membership is now 16,983. Six new Chapters have been created and one removed; the total number being 162. Our revenue amounted to \$11,478.61, our expenditure \$8,014.97. Our total assets are now \$30,947.61.”

It is certainly a creditable showing.

In reference to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, he declares that they are without employment, that they have not been called together in the



last four years. Happy condition of affairs, neither an appeal nor a kick at the Grand Z; peace, harmony and true Masonic brotherhood prevails. Another healthy sign is that he was called upon to make but few decisions, we give one:

“I held that a dimitted Craft Mason was eligible as a candidate for membership, but that a Brother who had lost his right hand was not.”

We cannot understand the position, that an unaffiliated Master Mason is eligible for membership in a Chapter, but the latter part of the decision is good Masonic law in Pennsylvania and should be in every Jurisdiction.

He presided at the dedication and consecration of sixteen Chapters, attended Chapters of Instruction at Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa; his official visits were numerous, averaging two a week for each week in the year. During the year he visited Chapters in the northwestern part of the Jurisdiction; his report is given in his own words:

“Companions, I have been far afield during the past year. I devoted the whole of the months of September and October to traveling and visiting Chapters in our great Northwest, living practically in Pullman cars, leaving Chapter rooms at two, three, four and five o'clock in the morning and boarding a train to keep my next appointment. I was royally received wherever I went. They bestowed too much of every good thing on me save sleep. It is with reluctance and self-denial that I refrain from writing a volume giving some account of the many good Companions with whom I came in contact, at whose hands I received great kindness, and also my general impressions of that wonderful country. It would take too much time and space, and I also remember the words, ‘Oh, that mine adversary had written a book.’

“I must be content to speak generally. Hospitality is the principal ingredient in the anatomy of our Western Companions. It is ingrained

in their bones, flows through their blood, and is writ large in the story of their lives. They simply cannot help it. They have a grand heritage, are making the most of it, and almost beyond precedent, are prospering. They have unbounded confidence in their future, and rightly so, and take huge delight in entertaining their Companions from the east with a recital of what the west is accomplishing.

“Our friends in the west are all optimists. They prefer the garret to the cellar. Everyone’s wagon is hitched to a star. You only see one side of the shield—the bright side, of course. No one is allowed even for a moment to notice the passing cloud. Its silver lining is alone in evidence, and the spirit of dominating cheerfulness soon takes possession of the visitor. He recalls how phenomenal has been the growth of the town or city of the west and how marvelously rich its resources. A village of only a few thousand a few years ago, to-day a city with all modern appointments and the population increased ten, twenty or thirty-fold. Then the tenantless prairie or the lonely ranch, now the paved street, the boulevard, the park, the trolley and the motor car. No transformation more sudden or complete or on a larger scale has ever been witnessed in the world’s history, and the end is not yet. The boundless wealth of wheat fields, mines, forests and fisheries will long continue to attract the world’s attention and bring in thousands of settlers. The threshold has only been passed and greater things are yet to come. We reflect, and we no longer wonder at the dauntless, all-prevailing optimism. The lure of the west has beguiled us. We are willing captives and join their ranks instead.”

He attended a meeting of Keystone Chapter of Buffalo, also the One hundred and sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York; he was most hospitably received on both occasions; he thus speaks of his reception by the Grand Chapter of New York:

“When I accompanied the Hamilton Chapter on a visit to Keystone Chapter at Buffalo, in December last, I had the honor of meeting M. E. Comp. Marshall P. Hemingway, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. This resulted in my attending the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York at Albany on the 4th inst., as the guest of that Grand Chapter. I was in Albany about sixteen hours, and during that time I had only one meal, but it, with its adjuncts minor and major, covered nearly eight hours. The Convocation was a most interesting one, the attendance very large, and all



the members took a deep interest in the proceedings. Large sums were voted for sweet charity. I also had the honor of meeting M. E. Comp. Henry DeWitt, the General Grand High Priest of the United States. He is a pleasing speaker, an attractive personality, and after meeting him I could quite understand his occupying the exalted position he ably fills.

“Your Representative received great attention while in Albany, and our American Companions evinced deep interest in Canadian Masonry. I think we do not fraternize with our American Companions as much as we should. It is our duty as citizens to assist in strengthening the friendly ties, fraternal and otherwise, which bind us to our strong and hospitable neighbor. With them we have much in common.

“No more striking chapter in all modern history is recounted than the story of a long century of unbroken peace existing between these two great countries, the United States and Canada. Their only rivalries have been those of peace. Their long boundary lines, stretching over thousands of miles, have for all that time been undisturbed and without patrol. History, we are proud to say, furnishes no parallel.”

The reports of twenty-three Grand Superintendents are more than interesting to the Masonic student, they record in detail their every visit; their entire work is a labor of love, nothing but Masonry can produce such a condition.

The report of Grand Scribe E. shows the receipts of the year to be eleven thousand four hundred seventy-eight and 61/100 (\$11,478.61) dollars. It also contains a review of the condition of the Chapters; he is not friendly to inactive Chapters. He explains the cause of inactivity in a number of Chapters; for the others he says, “they are probably alive, but enjoying a siesta.” Our impression is that the inactivity or lack of interest in a Chapter is largely chargeable to the inefficiency and indifference of the officers.

The report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry was presented by the



Chairman, it is mainly a review of the reports of the Grand Superintendents, it contains sound Masonic advice; they urge, in strong terms, the importance and necessity of Chapters of instruction. This subject cannot be made too strong. We quote one paragraph of this interesting report:

“From what has been said upon the various points connected with the growth and condition of Royal Arch Masonry, it will be seen that on the whole there is every reason to be thankful to God for the measure of peace, prosperity and progress that has prevailed, and we should be inspired thereby to go forward with additional determination to increase its usefulness and reputation. Great things have been done in the past few years, and a greater future is before us if we will only rise to our opportunities of bringing in new members.”

Several amendments, changing the date of meeting of Grand Chapter, were presented which after discussion, were voted down.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, M. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT. Pennsylvania receives a four-page review. Kindly words are spoken. A supplementary report was made on the question of recognizing the Grand Chapter of Utah. The report favored recognition; it was adopted.

An engraving of the newly elected Grand Z adorns the first page.

M. E. Companion DANIEL F. MACWATT was elected Grand Z and R. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT re-elected Grand Scribe E.

W. B. M.

## COLORADO.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado held four Special Convocations during the last Masonic year, for the purpose of constituting and dedicating Chapters.

At Loveland, on Tuesday evening, October 1, 1912, when Loveland Chapter, No. 44, Royal Arch Masons, was constituted and dedicated and its officers installed.

At Colorado City, on Saturday evening, October 19, 1912, when Euclid Chapter, No. 45, Royal Arch Masons, was constituted and dedicated and its officers installed.

At Sterling, on Tuesday evening, November 12, 1912, when Sterling Chapter, No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, was constituted and its officers installed.

At Paonia, on Saturday evening, February 22, 1913, when Zion Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons, was constituted and dedicated and its officers installed.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held in the Masonic Temple in Denver, on Thursday, September 18, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by M. E. Companion FRANK L. BISHOP, Grand High Priest. All officers except two



were present, and Representatives from all of the forty-six Chapters were present.

The Grand Representatives (ours among the number) were introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest. Response was made by E. Companion FRED G. WALSON. We quote a paragraph from his address:

“We have listened, with deep feelings of pleasure and a grateful sense of appreciation, to your most courteous and cordial welcome, and it is our desire to give fitting expression to those feelings, and to convey to you, as the honored head of this Grand Chapter, and as we are desired by our respective Grand Chapters to do, a most hearty and fraternal greeting from them all.

“We bring you the pleasing intelligence that the atmosphere of true Masonic peace and harmony pervades the domains of our various Grand Jurisdictions, and we voice the hope and desire of the great bodies of Royal Arch Masons whom we represent, that such is the condition in your Grand Jurisdiction, and that it may be the portion of the Craft, without interruption, in all the years that lie before us.

“Interest in the Royal Craft appears to be feeling an impulse, which, we are glad to believe, betokens a genuine desire for greater light on the eternal truths presented within its sacred tabernacle; those fundamental truths respecting our duty to God and to man. Encouraged by this sign, we look forward with confidence to the day when the influence of these principles, exemplified by the lives of the Companions of the Royal Arch, shall have so contributed to the moral and spiritual uplift of mankind, that we may rejoice with each other that ‘all’s right with the world.’ ”

The Grand High Priest then presented his address; it is a complete review of his actions during the year, and it is of great interest to members of Colorado Chapters. He made twenty-two visitations, besides constituting four new Chapters—an active administration.

He named eight Grand Representatives of his Grand Chapter near their respective Grand Chap-



ters, and at his suggestion nine Representatives were commissioned near his Grand Chapter.

For, as he says, good and sufficient reasons, he issued a large number of Dispensations for various purposes, among these were three authorizing, in two instances, the delivery of the Royal Arch lecture to six candidates, and in the other to nine candidates, it being understood that three, and three only, should be exalted at one and the same time. This is a custom that prevails in a number of Grand Jurisdictions, and so long as it is confined to the lecture, but little objection can be made, yet it is a departure from a time-honored custom; it is the entering wedge. Some are already going further. We boast of unchanging Masonic work; let us continue to do so, shun innovation in any way, and endeavor to preserve the work as it comes to us.

All questions submitted, except one, were settled by reference to the statutes; the decision made was in reference to dues. It is not in harmony with our laws, but right according to theirs.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the financial condition of the Grand Chapter. The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership, July 31, 1913, to be five thousand one hundred and ninety-seven (5197); an increase of four hundred and eighteen (418) during the year.

From the report of the Committee on Finance, we get the true financial standing of the Grand Chap-

ter; its assets are ten thousand eight hundred thirty-nine and 57/100 (\$10,839.57) dollars.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. E. Companion ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER. I desire to congratulate the Chairman on his able report. Our Jurisdiction receives very courteous consideration. The Chairman is given too much credit. The exordium was written by Companion STOCKTON BATES. Am not surprised that the question is raised as to the delay of the Grand Secretary in presenting report of membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges. We had, at that time, one hundred thirty-five (135) Chapters and three (3) Mark Lodges, with a membership of thirty-two thousand five hundred and three (32,503); reports should be made before December 27, but in many instances are not; again, there may be new Secretaries, and some careless and indifferent ones, hence reports are delayed; again, in many instances, reports have to be returned time and again, so that great delay occurs. Knowing the situation as I do, am rather surprised that in some years it is gotten out so early.

The first page has an engraving of the newly elected Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion HARRY HENDRIE was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion CHARLES H. JACOBSON re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.



## CONNECTICUT.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held in the Masonic Hall in the city of New Haven, on Tuesday, May 13, 1913.

All the Grand Officers were in their respective stations and places. Grand Chapter was opened at ten o'clock A.M. by M. E. Companion W. JEROME BISSELL, Grand High Priest. Eighteen Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of fifty Chapters were present. A number of distinguished Companions were present, including M. E. Companion FREDERICK W. CULLEN, Grand High Priest of New York; R. E. Companion ARTHUR WARREN, Deputy Grand High Priest of New York; R. E. Companion ALFRED A. ADAMS, Grand King of New York; M. E. Companion ARTHUR B. TYLER, Grand High Priest of Rhode Island; M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. GROSSCUP, Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented his address, which is complete and very interesting; his doings are given in detail.

He paid his respects to the dead of sister Jurisdictions; at the close a verse from the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung.

He appointed a number of Grand Representatives, among them Companion IRA GEORGE ROSS, as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.



He made two decisions, both of which are good Masonic law the world over.

He granted a number of Dispensations for various purposes, one being for balloting on three candidates at a special meeting; this did not meet the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as is evidenced by the following from their report:

“In the matter of Dispensation to Triune Chapter, No. 40, for balloting on three candidates at a Special Convocation.

“Not having information relating to the ‘good cause having been shown,’ your Committee is of the opinion that the Dispensation should not have been granted. That the shortening of the time for the balloting on applications is contrary to the ancient landmarks and Masonic law, and we recommend the practice be discontinued.”

In this connection will quote from the report of the Committee on Correspondence under the head of Indiana:

“The regulations were so amended as to take from the G. H. P. all power to grant Dispensations to ballot out of time.”

We believe the time should, and will, come when the issuing of Dispensations to ballot on applicants out of time will be unknown; that all applicants must wait one month, that the Companions may have ample time to investigate their fitness.

He made six Grand Visitations. He says all Chapters visited are doing good work and in strict accord with the standard work.

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe recount their visits to Subordinate Chapters; they all attended the Trien-

nial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the Grand Chapter to be in good financial standing. They have a balance on hand of four thousand thirty-four and 16/100 (\$4,034.16) dollars.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the present membership to be nine thousand eleven (9,011).

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest adorns the first page.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES, Past Grand High Priest; it is deserving of careful consideration from all whom it reaches. Pennsylvania was overlooked in the shuffle.

M. E. Companion LOUIS L. BEACH was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion JAMES McCORMICK was re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

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## DELAWARE.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware met in its Forty-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Wilmington, on Wednesday, the 15th of January, 1913.

All Grand Officers and Representatives of the four Subordinate Chapters were present.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 4.05 o'clock P.M. by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Benson, Jr., Grand High Priest.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The Grand High Priest then presented his address, in which he extended a cordial and fraternal welcome to the members of the Grand Chapter and others present.

He paid a beautiful tribute to the dead of his own and other Jurisdictions, closing with a prayer by the Grand Chaplain and the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light."

His report on the membership of the Grand Chapter shows it to be eleven hundred and forty-one (1141), the same as one year ago; the increase during the year was forty (40), and the decrease, by death, suspension, etc., forty (40).

He visited the four Chapters of the Jurisdiction, was most cordially received, and praises the high standard of the work. He expresses his opinion on the visitations as follows:

"To me, one of the most pleasant duties as Grand High Priest, has been the visiting of the various Chapters of our Jurisdiction. On all occasions I have been most cordially received. I wish to express my sincere thanks for the friendship and hospitality extended to me on these fraternal visits."

We believe that all who have served as Grand High Priest can indorse his sentiments on the subject of visitations.



He made but one decision, which is certainly worth quoting, both the question which led to the decision and the decision:

“On the evening of my visit to Hope Chapter, No. 7, I was asked to render a decision as to the right of said Chapter conferring the first three degrees, M. M., P. M. and M. E. M., in the Lodge rooms in the several towns within the Jurisdiction of Hope Chapter; allowing the Chapter team to go to Seaford, Laurel, Delmar, Lewes, or any other town within the territorial Jurisdiction of Hope Chapter, where there is a Blue Lodge, and confer the first three degrees in Capitular Masonry, afterward having the teams come to Georgetown for the R. A. degree.

“I decided that as Hope Chapter’s charter called for the meeting place in Georgetown, and as I did not have the power to grant permission to a Chapter to confer the appendant degrees in any other place than the one designated in the charter, it could not confer the degrees in question other than in Georgetown.”

We regard the decision as both common sense and good Masonic law. A migratory Royal Arch Chapter would be an anomaly in this day.

He recommended that hereafter every High Priest elect must become an anointed High Priest before he can regularly officiate as the High Priest of his Chapter. We take it for granted that in becoming an anointed High Priest the ceremony is similar to the order of High Priesthood, which is conferred at the time of installation of the High Priest with us.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in his hands of three hundred eighty-four and 36/100 (\$384.36) dollars.

The report of the Committee on the Grand High Priest’s address approved his decision on the subject of a Migratory Chapter, also his recommendation in

reference to the High Priest becoming an anointed High Priest; the report was unanimously adopted.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by M. E. Companion VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON. We are accorded a full report.

The first page has an engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion WALTER B. BACON was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion JAMES H. PRICE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia met in its Forty-sixth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Washington, on Wednesday, February 12, 1913.

All the Grand Chapter officers were present, and Representatives of all the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, at seven o'clock P.M., by Companion JACOBUS S. JONES, Grand High Priest, followed by an eloquent and fervent prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Excuses were presented for the non-attendance of a number of Past Grand High Priests, rather unusual, but why not? One who has received the high-



est honors of the Grand Chapter should always attend its meetings, unless prevented, etc:

Welcome was extended to M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CORSON, Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and M. W. Brother CHARLES E. BALDWIN, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia. Fraternal greetings were extended to Past Grand High Priests, J. JAMES FOGLE, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and MILTON J. HULL, of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. It is an able one. We quote the introduction:

“Hearken, my Companions! Peace within our walls; good-fellowship within our gates; hearty greetings and happy salutations to our membership.

“Hear me, Companions: We praise the Great Jehovah, ‘Almighty and eternal God! Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things were first made,’ our Infinite Father, the compassionate and watchful, the just and merciful, under whose loving care we are permitted to dwell upon the earth. We humbly thank Him for His gracious kindness during the year now at its close, and we beseech of Him a continuation of His perfect tenderness toward us throughout all the coming years.”

His reference to “Our Fraternity dead,” is beautiful, as follows:

“It is well for us to heed the lesson that we are born to die. It is a sadness mingled with a tender memory to note that the Pale Messenger, that inexorable bearer of the merciless scythe, made his advent in our midst fifty-nine times during the past year, and robbed us of four who wore the jewels of the High Priesthood, and fifty-five workers in the vineyard—our Companions, beloved men and Royal Masons.

“Companions, this Grim Messenger has no set time for coming; sometimes he comes during the still hours of the dark night; sometimes he arrives at rosy dawn; sometimes he boldly walks forth in bright midday; sometimes he whispers a gentle warning, and sometimes he calls while the



mellow shades of twilight are fading and mingling with the evening zephyrs.

“We have the bright hope that the loved ones gone before are waiting to welcome us, and that:

“Sometime, some day our eyes shall see  
The faces kept in memory;  
Some day, their hands shall clasp our hands,  
Just over on the morning land.”

He gives the present membership as three thousand five hundred and sixty-seven (3567), an increase of thirty-seven (37) during the year.

In dropping from the roll and suspending for non-payment, they have what they term the “automatic rule,” from this he “dissents” as follows:

“In this connection, I insist that no Companion ought to be suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues except upon a vote of the Chapter in each individual case, and then only after a specific report or statement by one or more Companions of the Chapter setting forth all the circumstances surrounding the case involved.”

The Committee on “Address of Grand High Priest” took the ground that the Constitution of Grand Chapter fully covers the case, hence nothing was done. We most heartily indorse the views of the Grand High Priest, and would add that notice of the proposed suspension should be mailed to his last known address.

He issued five Dispensations, permitting enlisted men of the United States Navy, who held membership in Symbolic Lodges of their respective homes, while temporary residents of their Jurisdiction, to apply to Chapters in the District of Columbia. His action was approved by the Committee of Jurispru-

dence, hence we should not complain, or raise the question of Jurisdiction.

He made forty-three informal visits to eleven Chapters other than his own, and attended all the meetings of his own Chapter, except four stated and one special.

At the instance of the Convention of "Anointed High Priest," a copy of a resolution adopted by them was sent to the Grand High Priest, as follows:

" 'That it is the sense of this Convention that henceforth every newly elected High Priest in this Jurisdiction should, before being installed, receive the Order of High Priesthood, the better to fit him for the discharge of the duties of his exalted station,' and praying that 'consideration be given to the subject' by the Grand Chapter 'to the end that such action may be taken thereon as, in the wisdom of that Grand Body, may seem most meet and proper in the premises.' "

A Committee was appointed which made a very able and exhaustive report, which was not adopted; better make the High Priesthood part of the Installation ceremonies.

His conclusion is worthy of a place in the proceedings of any Grand Chapter; we will, however, be content with giving his summing up:

"In a word: This is my valedictory; this is my farewell, and this is my benediction. May the bow of peace and promise, happiness and prosperity, arch the pathway of your lives, and after the toils of daily conflict are over and life's sun has set beyond the western hills, may the bright stars of Heaven guide you safely into that haven—that peaceful haven, the Paradise of God."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary show the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter to be in good condition.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer's report shows that he visited each Chapter of the Jurisdiction a number of times; he commends their accurate knowledge of the work, and their conception of symbols.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was presented by Companion ROE FULKERSON. We receive a brief review. Our laws and mode of procedure, without a doubt, differ materially from other Grand Chapters. We have adhered to these laws from the organization of our Grand Chapter, and will continue to do so, according to other Grand Chapters the same right. We are taken to task for using Carson, where it should be Corson; we don't read the proofs, but will see that the name is spelled correctly in the future.

M. E. Companion ADOLPHUS GUDE was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion ARVINE W. JOHNSTON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

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## ENGLAND.

We have the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England for the Quarterly Convocations of November 6, 1912, February 5, May 7 and August 6, 1913.

There is great similarity in the proceedings of each Convocation, a stereotyped form of procedure. Two of the Convocations, November 6, 1912, and August



6, 1913, were presided over by M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. Lord AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Pro. Grand Z; the Convocation of February 5, 1913, was presided over by E. Companion J. THORNHILL MORLAND, M. A., Grand Superintendent for Berkshire, as Grand Z, and the Convocation of May 7, 1913, was presided over by M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, M. A., Grand H., as Grand Z, the Grand Z being his R. H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, K. G., etc., etc., and present Governor General of Canada.

The three principal officers hold their Stations on account of their positions in the Grand Lodge.

At each Convocation, the Committee of General Purposes submitted their report, which practically embodied the entire business of the Grand Chapter. It was unanimously adopted.

In the application for three new Chapters, they compelled the applicants to change their officers so that either a Past or Present Principal should be the presiding officer, the Grand Chapter having declared that "it is highly desirable that the Companions designated for the principal chairs shall be fully qualified by previous service in the respective offices"; a wise course—even the Mother Country has been aroused to the necessity of officers being qualified for the positions to which they are elected. With us, proficiency is an absolute requirement.

During the year applications were received for nineteen new Chapters. All were granted.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter, as shown by the report of the Committee of General Purposes, is good, and the Grand Chapter is shown to be in a flourishing condition.

The receipts from Chapters from April 1, 1912, to March 31, 1913, inclusive, were £2416-12-14; from other sources, £351-9-5; actual expenses, £2082-17-7.

W. B. M.

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### ENGLAND AND WALES.

We have received proceedings of the Quarterly Communications held September 3 and December 3, 1912, March 4 and June 3, 1913, of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

The Quarterly Communication of September 3, 1912, was opened in form by R. W. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K. C., etc., as Grand Master, with all the Stations and Places filled.

The minutes of June 4, 1912, were confirmed.

The report of the General Board having been printed and distributed, it was considered as read; on motion it was received and entered on the minutes.

It contains the general business of Grand Lodge, including the appointment of his Royal Highness, the Grand Master.

The forty-fourth annual festival for the "Fund of Benevolence" was held at Connaught Rooms,



R. W. Bro. the LORD ALDENHOUSE, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, presiding. The sum of £3141-2-7 was realized.

An appeal was taken from the action of Lodge 98 in reference to the appointment of certain officers. A Worshipful Master, having been re-elected, was unable to be present on night of Installation. Wrote the Brother whom he had appointed Senior Warden, asking him, after consultation with the Past Masters, to appoint the other officers. It was done; a Past Master presided, and invested the Senior Warden and other Officers. From this action an appeal was taken to the District Grand Master, who overruled the appeal. This decision was sustained by the Grand Registrar. The following was the action of Grand Lodge:

“There is no doubt the Grand Registrar is quite right in this conclusion. It was not necessary for the Master, who was elected for the second year, to be re-installed; it was perfectly right and proper for another Master to take his place, and to preside over the Lodge and perform his duties. The Master did not go so far as that, he asked the Senior Warden to confer with the Past Masters of the Lodge as to the selection of officers, and in doing that he was perfectly within his right.”

Installations are for the Masonic year, hence we believe he should have been re-installed. However, their law governs in this case.

The Communication of December 3, 1912, was opened in due form by R. W. the EARL OF STRADBROKE, Deputy Grand Master.

The minutes of June Quarterly Communication were read and confirmed.



A vote of congratulation was tendered the Deputy Grand Master on his recovery from severe illness, to which he responded as follows:

“THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I do indeed desire to thank you most sincerely for the kind welcome which you have given me. I assure you that I appreciate it most heartily. It was most encouraging to me during my illness to receive the letters of sympathy which I did from our Brother Matier. Sympathy is the virtue which we are taught to practice most, and from time to time I received messages from all parts of the country expressing sympathy with me during my trying time. I can assure you that I shall always remember all these messages, and shall never forget the kind welcome which you have given me to-night on this, my first appearance after my trying illness.”

His Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, was again nominated as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother ALEXANDER BURNETT BROWN as Grand Treasurer.

The report of the General Board was presented when, on motion, it was received and entered on the minutes.

Two Lodges were, on motion, erased from the roll of Lodges, for failure to make returns since 1885; better late than never.

From the proceedings we are inclined to believe that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge are elected for life; all the Trustees having died, there was no one to act, hence the necessity of a new Board. A new Board was finally secured, the Grand Lodge indemnifying them from all loss. If Trustees are necessary, why not elect annually, when it is not likely such a condition would occur. What is the necessity of indemnifying the Trustees?

The Quarterly Communication of March 4, 1913, was opened in form by R. W. Bro. FREDERICK CLEEVEs, Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, as Grand Master.

The minutes of Quarterly Communication of December 3, 1912, were read and confirmed.

His Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the newly elected Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Brother, the Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN, Earl of Stradbroke, etc., was appointed by the Grand Master, as Pro. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, was invested and installed as such by the Rt. Hon. the EARL KINTORE, Past Grand Master, and was then proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. ALEXANDER BURNETT BROWN was elected Grand Treasurer. Royalty certainly occupies a prominent part in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in England and Wales, etc.

The report of the General Board was presented. Besides the routine of business, it contained an able report on "Mark Masonry in New Zealand," by the Grand Registrar, Bro. JOHN STRACHAN.

The Quarterly Communication of June 3, 1913, was opened in ample form by Most Worshipful, the



EARL OF STRADBROKE, Pro. Grand Master, immediately after which a hearty vote of congratulation was tendered his Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the splendid recovery that her Royal Highness, the Duchess, is making at this time; it was unanimously carried by a rising vote.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 3, 1913, were read and confirmed.

The report of the Grand Board was presented. On motion it was received and entered.

The Pro. Grand Master announced the next business in order was the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after which he said, "I declare His Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, duly installed." Don't understand how it was done, certainly the Grand Master was not present. The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Installation.

The Pro. Grand Master, the EARL OF STRADBROKE, announced his appointment as Pro. Grand Master, also that of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, as Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the appointment and installation of these officers.

The appointments by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the other Grand Officers, including Grand Stewards and Members of the General Board, were



announced. The Grand Lodge then elected five additional members of the General Board.

Grand Lodge closed in *Ample Form*.

The Educational Board of the Benevolent Fund shows a list of pupils, ten boys and two girls. The Annuity Branch shows in their charge seven males and sixteen widows.

The annual receipts for dues, registration fees, warrants and from all other sources, amounted to £4029-1-6, and with the balance on hand at beginning of year makes £7932-34. The disbursements, including expenditures and investments, amounted to £6035-19-10, leaving a balance on hand of £1896-3-6.

W. B. M.

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## FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, at 10 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, May 20, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ROBERT McCLELLAN, delivered the annual address. He says, in opening:

“We are living in an age of progress in our beautiful State, evidences of which surround us on every hand. Masonry in all its branches has kept pace with the front rank.

“This beautiful Temple stands as a monument to our fraternity.

“A prosperous and healthy condition exists among the Craft, and it gives me pleasure to report a net gain for the year of 132, and a total enrollment of 2,134 Royal Arch Masons in good standing within this Jurisdiction.”

Florida lost none of its Grand Officers by death. Among the illustrious dead of other Jurisdictions we find the name of our well-beloved Past Grand High Priest, EZRA SCULL BARTLETT.

Speaking of the General Grand Chapter, M. E. Companion McCLELLAN says:

“The report of the General Grand High Priest shows that during his administration a Grand Chapter has been organized in Utah. With the organization of this Grand Chapter all the States of the Union now have Grand Chapters. All these, with the exception of those of Virginia and Pennsylvania, are constituent members of the general grand body now in session here. Utah, the last State to organize a Grand Chapter, is considerably limited in the population from which the ranks of Masonry may be recruited, as about one-half of the population are members of the Mormon Church.”

Florida's Grand High Priest made a goodly number of Visitations, as did also the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe.

Two decisions were given, but they are of purely local interest.

In his conclusion the M. E. Grand High Priest says he traveled over land and sea about 5,000 miles, that he had a good time and trusted his visits were productive of good to the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary reports receipts of \$2,459.50 and the Grand Treasurer assets of \$6,328.88.

There is no report on Correspondence.

HARRY N. SWEETING, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, M. E. Grand Secretary.

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## GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia met in the Ninety-first Annual Convocation, in the Convention Hall of Hotel Dempsey, in the city of Macon, at 10 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, April 30, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, and was opened in *Ample Form*, and with Prayer by the Rev. W. A. Simmons, Grand Chaplain.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion W. G. ENGLAND, delivered his annual address, which opens in the following good wholesome vein:

“COMPANIONS: To this, the Ninety-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, we welcome you with open arms. To those who have been with us in the past, laboring with us in our efforts for good, it warms our hearts to see your earnest, thoughtful faces, beaming with good cheer and brightness, prompted by the love of the cause which brings you; to those who come to us for the first time, we greet you as younger Brothers, members of our great family, inviting you to share in our labors, expecting much from your skill and learning.

“We believe that the finger of a wise and loving God is pointing the way of all men to the east, and to the great height of human needs and wants, and raising them above the level of selfish desire and avarice, and that the darkness of enforced ignorance, which for so many centuries held men in the firm grip of superstition as the result of long and continued despotism, has been broken in part by the teachings of Masonry, impressing men with the love of liberty of mind and conscience, overcoming superstition, and walking in the way of truth and light. Masonry has always stood for the rights of all men, and whilst for centuries it was persecuted, yet onward it has gone, with gathered power, force and strength, leaving in its trail the fertile seeds of civil and religious liberty that have sprung from the soil of truth, and become so firmly rooted as to bid defiance to him or them who dares to teach that the Deity bears no relation to man, save through the mediation of a power that has held the destiny of nations in its hands by and through its cruelty and bigotry, caused the blood-baked earth to lift its voice and cry aloud for liberty to all men.

“We come together as good men and true, sons of Royalty from all sec-



tions of our grand and glorious Commonwealth, upholding the law and promoting morality with a steadfast devotion to the principles and precepts of Capitular Masonry. We come to counsel one with the other, and to seek the better way to foster and spread a knowledge of these precepts throughout our fair land, that others may learn of them and be led 'through paths of which they know not, and darkness made light unto them,' and in the wisdom of our counsel, we should stand like groups of lofty peaks in yonder mountain range, bedecked by love, truth and charity, each hand in hand with mercy, moderation and justice, and become as master workmen in the progress and construction of a moral life to the glory of God and the betterment of man.

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"In the sublimity of the grander and nobler allegiance unto which the science of all being leads us, every good and true man becomes an integral part of its glory, just as every blade of grass and every flower lifts its blushing crest to kiss the dewdrop from the lips of the dawning day, and reflects the splendor of the rising sun, gently whispering to man the hour of labor has come; labor of a most pleasing nature that is made more pleasant by the interchanging of views formulated in minds well trained in service, seeking the good of others. Let us counsel one with the other that Royal Arch Masonry may shine forth with greater brightness and become a greater factor among the forces of life and light.

"The past year has indeed been unto us kind and generous. Mother Earth has been most bountiful with her gifts, having supplied us abundantly with the needs of sustaining life. The fields have blossomed as the rose, their fruits looking upward in thankfulness for the sunshine and the rain, yielding a harvest that has gladdened all life. Disaster and misfortune have been withheld, peace and good-will reigning supreme. Thriftiness and prosperity are in evidence among all classes throughout our Jurisdiction; happiness and contentment prevails, whilst the future looks bright and gladsome. Our increase in converts has been beyond our fondest hopes. Those in charge of our Subordinate Assemblies are good men and true Masons, thoroughly endowed with an understanding of the responsibilities assumed, and in their labor have shown the power of well-trained minds and the prompting of loyal hearts, having done much toward the advancement of the cause. Everywhere throughout the State Royal Arch Masonry shows evidence of growth strong and vigorous, buoyant, self-confident and energetic. No idlers block the way; each seems to realize that there is something for him to do, and the tide of life flows strong and steady, prompted by hearts filled with truth and the desire to upbuild. Everywhere do we find them standing upon the moral side of every question in public and in private life, condemning wrong in high places, seeking none but good men to guide affairs of general interest.

“Let us continue to press forward with renewed energy and zeal, making the pathway to happiness brighter and easier for those who come after us, and by our work proclaim in thunder tones that will roll from mountain to mountain of this vast country, and send its echoes far and wide, that Capitular Masonry in the grand old State of Georgia is alive, active and awake to the needs of the hour, and is accomplishing the grand and glorious work of dispelling ignorance, lifting the veil of darkness and bringing light unto the sons of men whose blessings shall come down upon us, refreshing as the morning dew to the tender blade and flower.”

We extract from his address his decisions, which were numerous and of which he says:

“I have been called upon for a number of decisions that careful study of our law would have made unnecessary. I mention only a few:

“1st. Can a Royal Arch Mason in good standing become a member of a resuscitated Chapter under the application for Dispensation to resuscitate?

“No. He can become a member only by withdrawal by dimit, which must take the regular course.

“2d. Can a ballot be had on more than one applicant at one and the same time?

“No. Every application must be balloted on separately.

“3d. ‘A’ Chapter asks waiver of Jurisdiction of ‘B.’ No notice is taken thereof by ‘B.’ What recourse?

“None. The law says waiver of twelve months’ residence. ‘B’ is discourteous in not taking action.

“4th. Can a companion dimit from Symbolic Lodge become a member of a Chapter?

“No. Symbolic membership is requisite to membership in Chapter.

“5th. Is a dimitted Brother eligible for membership in a Chapter?

“No. He must be a member of Symbolic Lodge and in good standing.

“6th. Can a Chapter remit dues of a minister in regular work?

“No; only for inability.

“7th. Can a Chapter donate fees to anyone?

“No.

“8th. A Brother has received the Mark Master’s degree. He dimit from his Symbolic Lodge. Can he receive the remaining degrees?

“No.

“9th. A Companion becomes intoxicated whilst sojourning in another State. Can and should he be tried by his Chapter?

“Yes, he should be tried and punished. The offense is increased because he brings censure upon his home Chapter among strangers.

“10th. Applicant, a married man, becomes the father of a child by



a woman other than his wife; maintains and educates the child. Can he become a member of the Chapter?

“No. Masonry cannot give the stamp of approval to such acts. It would be partly destroying the foundation upon which we rest.

“11th. Can a member of Chapter sign petition for new Chapter while he is in arrears for his dues, intending to become a member of the new?

“No. Must be clear of the books.

“12th. What vote is required to recommend petition for a new Chapter?

“A majority vote of members present.

“13th. If a Chapter has forfeited its charter twice, is one who was a member at time of first forfeiture and not a member at time of second forfeiture, eligible to sign request for Dispensation?

“Is not eligible, but to become a member must have certificate of Grand Secretary and be received as an affiliate.

“14th. A dimitted Companion applies for affiliation. Rejected. When can he again apply?

“At next regular convocation.

“15th. Can a Brother who has received two or more degrees in Chapter be stopped without charges being preferred in the Blue or Symbolic Lodge?

“He can. Charges preferred, and if found guilty, be punished regardless of Symbolic Lodge.

“16th. A summons must be under the seal, otherwise is not legal.

“17th. A summons for any purpose not Masonic, is illegal, null and void, and a Companion not appearing thereon, does not commit a Masonic offense.”

## Of Georgia's Masonic Home, he says:

“Over yonder is a home established by the Masons of Georgia and under its sheltering roof are old men and women and innocent, helpless little children, wards of each and every one of us. It is not the home of any Grand Body; it is the home of each and every Mason in Georgia; each of us has an interest therein and upon each of us falls the responsibility of maintaining it, so that it will indeed be a place of rest and comfort to those who by misfortune are forced to enter its sacred portals.

“Whilst it is true that as a Grand Body we have no official representation in its management, it is none the less incumbent upon us to rally to its support and maintenance. Our finances are in good condition, and the duty stands in majestic heights before us—a duty we should ever affectionately grasp. See the faces of the little ones wreathed in bright smiles, the aged beaming with contentment because they know there are sleepless eyes ever watchful of their welfare.



“Our Committee on Finance will make a suitable recommendation, which I sincerely hope will meet with your approval.”

Of the finances he speaks thus encouragingly:

“The present condition of our finances, despite the unusual but necessary expenses of the past year, under the wise direction of our committee, is indeed safe. We owe none, and have in hand in well-secured notes and cash \$10,909.90, from which will come the expenses of this Grand Convocation and leave us a handsome surplus.”

He recommends “that none be permitted to vote who are in arrears for dues for more than one year, unless the same be remitted for inability.” We, in Pennsylvania, eliminate “for more than one year.”

“2d. That all applications for membership shall show thereon that the applicant is in good standing in a Symbolic Lodge, and that all dues are paid to said body; otherwise the application cannot be considered.

“4th. In many instances the applicants know who are the Committee of Investigation, and ill feeling results therefrom. To avoid this trouble and leave free and untrammelled each committeeman, I recommend that the High Priest appoint them, not letting one know who is his associate, and that each make report to the High Priest, and he to the Chapter.”

And he thus concludes a very meaty, virile document, which has been pleasant to read and greatly instructive:

“The time has now come for our official relations to cease and for me to return to you the gavel of authority which you intrusted to my care. As I remember the roll of princely men and masters who have preceded me and look into the faces of those who will follow me, I fear me for my record. Whatever my faults and frailties may have been, whatever mistakes may have been recorded against me, poor as may have been my service in your cause and for your welfare, I have done the best that I knew—the best that I could. The record is made and stands upon the book of time as a witness, showing in bold letters each debit and each credit, and will forever stand until time is no more and the final day of accounting has come.

“My Companions, so it is with each of us; our doings cannot be

estopped, but onward they go stamped with the seal of our individuality, winding their way through the valleys and hills of time, making impressions for good or for evil upon hearts yet unborn, whilst our bodies will have been long since melted away and our immortal soul standing in the presence of Him who gave it, awaiting the wages due for our labor in the Master's vineyard.''

The Grand Treasurer reports cash and securities in the sum of \$10,828.42, to which the Committee on Finance adds \$81.48 for accrued interest in making up its table of assets.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion E. H. McHAN, presents a full report, showing a prodigious amount of work and we give below—

“a recapitulation of the year's work. It must be remembered that the last four months is not included in these figures, when they are taken from the reports made by the different Chapters. That part which refers to my individual work, includes the twelve months.

Chapters visited .....	80
Visits to Chapters .....	182
Chapters resuscitated .....	11
Chapters instituted .....	3
Chapters moved .....	3
New Chapters .....	1
Petitions placed for new Chapters.....	14
Towns visited for new Chapters.....	36
Assisted in conferring Mark degree.....	222
Assisted in conferring Past Master's degree.....	184
Assisted in conferring Most Excellent Master's degree.....	198
Assisted in conferring Royal Arch degree.....	246
Attended Blue Lodge meetings.....	22
Other Masonic meetings.....	28
Traveled miles .....	20,718
Letters written .....	926
Expense incurred .....	\$918.41''

and we are glad to note that Companion E. H. McHAN was unanimously elected Grand Lecturer for the remainder of a four-year term.



## The Committee on Jurisprudence and General Welfare,

“recommend that the present Constitution be repealed in accordance with the provisions of the law applicable thereto and if a majority vote concur therein, that a Committee of three be appointed to submit a new Constitution and set of By-Laws to the next meeting of this Grand Body for ratification and approval. It of course being distinctly understood that the present Constitution is of force until finally repealed at our next annual Convocation.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the pen of Companion CHARLES L. BASS. It is his first and he plunges right in without preamble, and his report shows that it needs no apology. So terse and epigrammatic are his comments that we find little that is quotable, but all that is readable. His eye appears to see everything worth noting in the proceedings under review.

### Under Illinois we clip the following:

“He called upon the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania with a request to authorize a Chapter in his Jurisdiction to confer the degrees upon a Brother as a courtesy to a Chapter in Illinois, and was informed by him that he regretted to decline his request, but that the Constitution prohibited his doing so. He says, ‘It was a surprise to me, as I had no knowledge that any of the Jurisdictions had such a rule, but it occasioned no ill feeling whatever.’

“Some other jurisdiction, we do not recall which one now, had the same experience with equal surprise as Grand High Priest Davis, during the past year.”

In his review of Pennsylvania, he says of the report on Correspondence that—

“The Report, which is a careful and able review of over two hundred pages, is the work of five Companions.

“Georgia is treated with courtesy and consideration by Companion Stockton Bates. He not only gives a resume of the proceedings, but



quotes at length from the address of the Grand High Priest and from Companion Moody's report."

### Companion BASS thus concludes:

"In entering upon the work of this, our first report, we did so fully conscious of the difficulties before us; not only because of our own imperfections and inexperience, but because of the high standard set and maintained by our illustrious and lamented predecessors, Companions Lambdin and Moody; a standard to which we aspired with but little hope of attaining.

"We have done the best we could and send it forth, trusting to the never-ending charity of our Companions to take it and deal gently with its imperfections.

"We hope in reading it they may get in a measure as much profit from it as we have of pleasure in its preparation.

"Through the forty-seven Jurisdictions we have traveled we have been cheered by the common note of harmony and peace that prevails and the optimistic tidings of prosperity and success each enjoy.

"Owing to the long illness of Companion Moody, he was unable to prepare a report last year, so there has come to our table a double portion of proceedings. We thought that we would be able to review them all, but soon discovered that to do so would require more space than allotted to us, so we had to discontinue reviewing the back numbers of proceedings early in our review. We regret we could not review all, but have reviewed one at least of the proceedings of every Jurisdiction whose reports have been sent to us."

JOE P. BOWDOIN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

W. A. WOLIHIN, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## IDAHO.

The Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Weiser, on Monday, the 17th day of June, A.D. 1912, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE DOEHNE, JR., read his annual address. He thus comprehensively covers the situation when he says:

“We have again assembled in annual convocation according to custom to transact such business as may require our attention and to consider the occurrences of the past year. Our meeting at this time is under the most favorable conditions, and we should be grateful to Him who rules the universe and guides our destinies for the privilege which we again enjoy of associating together, of renewing our obligations and extending to our fellow-men our sympathies, especially to those who have been sadly afflicted as the result of the many frightful calamities that have occurred since our last convocation. I wish to congratulate the Royal Craft on the substantial progress made by our beloved Order and extend most hearty greeting to the Representatives of the Chapters here assembled, and to the visiting Brethren who are honoring us with their presence.”

He was called upon for but one decision, and that on a question so trite as to excite curiosity. We must remember, however, that Idaho is but four years old in the Capitular field.

Of the condition of the craft he says:

“I find that interest in Capitular Masonry seems to be increasing. The active Chapters have maintained their past standard of growth, and some that have been dormant are now showing new life and vigor. There is no doubt in my mind that several of the Chapters now reporting little or no work can be endowed with new life and zeal by the active personality of one man, and I venture the assertion that there is no Chapter in this State which has not at least one man who cannot only learn, but do the work. I would, therefore, urge upon the High Priests of each of the weaker Chapters to throw into their work a determination and energy to accomplish something and never to relax in their efforts. It may sometimes be discouraging in the beginning, but the results will be satisfactory in the end.”

There are sixteen Chapters in Idaho, with a total membership in the Jurisdiction of ten hundred and forty-eight—a little less than the membership of one Chapter in the city of Philadelphia.



He has to say on the perennial subject of Jurisdiction that—

“Under the present existing laws, Chapter Jurisdiction extends by air line half way to the surrounding Chapters. By this division of territory it is intended to give each Chapter Jurisdiction based upon its geographical location. But this does not always work to advantage. In some districts it is frequently found impractical for a Brother Mason to join a Chapter within whose Jurisdiction he resides for lack of convenient facilities to travel, and in such cases the rule inflicts a hardship upon the candidates who are forced by it to go in a roundabout way when another Chapter could be reached more direct. Under our By-laws, the practice is to require a waiver of Jurisdiction in cases where a candidate desires to join a Chapter other than the one in whose Jurisdiction he resides. The delays incident to obtaining a waiver often result in discouraging, and even defeating the applicant from becoming a member of any Chapter, and I believe the law should be so modified that a waiver should not be required and to permit a Brother Mason to apply for Chapter degrees wherever it suits his convenience to do so. I would urge due consideration of this subject and would recommend such legislation as will remove the present difficulties and obstacles and allow the Chapters of the State of Idaho to gain membership from which they are now practically prohibited by the enforcement of existing laws.”

Right! do away with Chapter Jurisdiction and adopt the Pennsylvania plan. Let an intending Chapter member select the Chapter he wishes to join, but guard the entrance against any but good material.

The Treasurer, M. E. Companion CHARLES HIMROD, reports a cash balance of \$1,430.55.

Companion L. W. ENSIGN, for the Committee on Correspondence, opens his review with the following complimentary reference:

“At the eleventh hour, however, Past Grand High Priest, Frank D. Winn, who is always at hand when there is work to be done, came to our assistance. Anxious himself that our proceedings should compare more favorably with those of other Grand Chapters, he offered to do part of the work. As no other Companion came forward to help, your Grand



Secretary agreed to work with him. Companion Waterhouse directed us to proceed.

“We entered upon our duties without the experience necessary to comment in an authoritative manner upon the decisions and recommendations of the Grand Officers and the doings of the Grand Chapters. We have, however, compiled a report which we submit for your courteous consideration. As it is the first effort of your Committee, we appreciate that we have undoubtedly omitted many items of interest to the Companions. With the wealth of material at our command, it was extremely difficult to select those portions which would be of the greatest value to the intelligent and studious members of the Craft. We only trust that our labors may be so far rewarded that the Companions of our Grand Chapter may receive some inspiration from the noble words and worthy actions of the faithful Craftsmen of other States to labor more intelligently and energetically in the quarries with zeal, fidelity and industry.”

We have read the report with great interest, but find it next to impossible to quote from it, so terse and compact is its construction. It is, however, well written and readable and promises well for the future.

The reviewer found something of interest to quote from Past Grand High Priest, Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM'S address, 1910 Pennsylvania proceedings, and notes that—

“This Grand Chapter holds quarterly Convocations. Their Annual review is the work of a joint Committee of five members. Idaho is given two years' review, 1909-1910, written by Companion Stockton Bates.”

Companion ENSIGN thus concludes:

“We are a young organization, and with the help and advice of those grand old Masons who, having wrought in the quarries and officiated in the tabernacle in other Jurisdictions, are members of our Chapters, we are building our Grand Chapter on a sure foundation. We have a small number of members, but our ‘octogenarians,’ our ‘silver-grays,’ and our young men are so imbued with zeal, fidelity and love of the work that we shall move on steadily and surely until we occupy our ‘appropriate station.’

“Having completed the first Idaho Correspondence Report, I am

impressed more than ever before, with the greatness of the institution. I appreciate more fully the knowledge and experience necessary to compile reports such as are sent out by our good friend Companion Warvelle, and I realize that I am not sufficiently well versed in the laws, usages and customs of the craft to competently review the doings of such learned guardians of Capitular landmarks.

“When I assumed the duties of this office I knew that I was a young Mason, that my other duties were onerous, and that I should constantly be confronted with unknown problems as Grand Secretary. Trusting, however, in the charitable consideration of those of other Jurisdictions who may read our review, and relying upon our knowledge of the continued friendship, brotherly love and confidence of Idaho Masons, Companion Winn and I have devoted all our spare time and energy to this labor of love for our Grand Chapter. Whatever may be said of our ability, we at least have the satisfaction of knowing that Idaho has taken another step forward. We have established a precedent that cannot be changed except by going backward, and Idaho is moving in the other direction.

“May this review bring a message from Idaho to other Grand Chapters and Representatives and some measure of inspiration to our own Companions to strive for higher ideals.”

GEORGE M. WATERHOUSE, M. E. Grand High Priest.  
LEWIS W. ENSIGN, M. E. Grand Secretary.

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## IDAHO.

The Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Twin Falls, on Monday, the 16th day of June, A.D. 1913, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion G. M. WATERHOUSE, delivered the annual address which he opens as follows:

“It is with profound gratitude and great pleasure that I welcome you to this, our Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.



“We are profoundly grateful for God’s watchful care over us during the past year, and it is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you to this beautiful little city which, like ourselves, is young, and I hope that we will imbibe some of the enthusiasm and progressiveness of the citizens of Twin Falls in our deliberations during this Grand Convocation.

“While I have but little to report as to the doings of the several Chapters composing this Grand Chapter, yet many things of importance have transpired in the lives of many of us, and Capitular Masonry has been making history during the short twelve months since our last Convocation.

“I am pleased to report that nothing has occurred to mar the peace and tranquility of our relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions and our own Chapters have pursued the even tenor of their way, carefully obeying the Masonic laws and observing the tenets of their profession.”

We note among the Commissions issued that one was to our own Companion HOWARD M. BROWN, as Grand Representative of Idaho near the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. We also note that Pennsylvania is represented near the Grand Chapter of Idaho by R. E. Companion JOHN R. NEVERS.

We find nothing among the Decisions that is of more than local interest.

Of the session of the General Grand Chapter he says:

“The social entertainment was all that could be desired, nearly every minute having some kind of entertainment or banquet for the visitors. The Hoosiers certainly left nothing undone in this line, and all left with a kindly feeling toward them. Companion Winn will probably have a report to make in this connection.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$1,110.19, and, on the Micawber principle, “that if a man had twenty pounds a year for his income, and spent nineteen pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence, he would be happy; but that if he spent twenty pounds, one, he would be miserable,” Idaho ought to be happy.



The Grand Secretary says :

“My offices are now used as a storing place for a large number of copies of the proceedings of our own and other Grand Chapters. These are now in a chaotic condition. These proceedings are only of value for reference after the first reading and it is utterly impossible to refer to them under present conditions. I believe it is important that book cases be provided for these books so that they may be preserved. At the present time I can keep them in my offices, but I think some place should be found where the Grand Chapter Records may be safely kept.”

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we clip the following:

“There is one thing I feel that this Grand Jurisdiction should do at once. I would urge on this Grand Chapter to promulgate at this Convocation an order or edict that each candidate taking the Capitular degrees, on receiving each degree, be required to learn the signs, grips and words and pass an examination in open Chapter before being advanced to the next degree. As you will understand this requirement will be not only for the good of Capitular Masonry in Idaho, but will mean much to each Royal Arch Mason. I realize that many of our members could not pass an examination in many grand Jurisdictions where the examinations are strictly up to the ritual. While there might be times when this would seem to work a hardship on Companions coming a distance to receive the degrees and expecting to receive all four in the one day and evening, still, for their own good individually, it would mean quite a difference to them in case they visited another State and had to undergo an examination. I would therefore recommend to this Grand Body that this matter be referred to the proper committee to be taken care of.”

Idaho's Committee on Chartered Chapters reports:

Number of Chartered Chapters .....	16
Number of members in good standing at last report.....	1048
Number of members in good standing at this report.....	1134
Gain.	
Number exalted .....	96
Number affiliated .....	45
Number reinstated .....	1
Number omitted in last reports.....	3
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Total gross gain .....	145

	Loss.	
Number dimitted .....	28	
Number suspended N. P. D.....	13	
Number expelled .....	1	
Number died .....	16	
Error in previous reports.....	1	
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Total gross loss .....		59
Net gain .....		86

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that:

“We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, beg leave to report that nothing was referred to our Committee, everything being harmonious in the Grand Jurisdiction.”

Certainly good news.

Companion HIRAM T. FRENCH presents his first report on Foreign Correspondence. He says in opening:

“This, our first effort in reviewing the proceedings of Capitular Masonry, is undertaken with some degree of trepidation and a fear that in the hurry and worry of other duties some things may be omitted which should be said and other happenings made to appear more prominent than they should. To say just enough and leave out the non-essentials is our aim, but, alas, our aims in life are seldom fully realized.”

Please, hereafter have your printer set up your matter in two kinds of type, so that the reader may be able to distinguish between quoted and original material. This is an humble request, not a command. We find it very difficult to quote from this well-prepared report on the above account. Under Pennsylvania he says:

Quarterly communications are held in this Juris-

diction, but we shall review only the Annual Convocation, as this seems to be the—

“most important gathering and a sort of ‘round-up’ of all the others. Upon going over the proceedings we find, however, that the work is done at the quarterly meetings for the most part, leaving little for the annual except to receive the report of the Committee on Correspondence.”

He quotes from our introduction and says:

“The reviews are quite complete, giving the ‘meat’ of things done by others.

“Companion Howard M. Brown, Media, is Idaho’s Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.”

Companion FRENCH concludes as follows:

“In making our exit we feel that much has been left undone and unsaid, but with this as a starter if it should fall to our lot to again perform the task we shall hope to profit by the experience gained in this brief review and thus come nearer the goal of our ambition to do well, if it is possible for us to gain this pinnacle.”

Not your exit, Companion FRENCH, just *auf wiedersehen*; and here’s a hand of welcome to you.

JOHN R. NEVERS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

LEWIS W. ENSIGN, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## ILLINOIS.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 30th day of October, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, at 10 o’clock A.M.

“As in previous years, the opening ceremonies included a beautiful and appropriate musical service rendered by the Oriental Quartette, of Chicago, and Companion Geo. J. Kurzenknabe, organist. For this service



the thanks of Grand Chapter were subsequently extended to the Quartette and to Prof. Kurzenknabe."

We clip the following to show the beautiful custom of receiving the Grand Representatives; they call them Ambassadors in Illinois:

"The Grand High Priest then announced that, following the usual custom, the Ambassadors representing Foreign Grand Chapters would now be officially received. Thereupon he directed the Grand Secretary to read the list of accredited Representatives. As the names were called the Representatives respectively advanced to the foot of the dias, and when all were assembled, the Grand High Priest briefly addressed them, extending to them, in their official capacity, a hearty welcome with assurances of good will for the respective Jurisdictions they represented.

"Companion George W. Warvelle, P. G. H. P., responded on behalf of the Ambassadors, and conveyed to the Grand Chapter of Illinois the greetings of the Capitular world.

"The Ambassadors then retired in good order and assumed their duties as members of Grand Chapter."

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM B. CARLOCK, delivered the annual address.

As a part of his opening he says:

"Many puzzling questions have confronted me, and my great endeavor has been to meet all these in a spirit of fairness and correctness and to so dispose of all cases presented as to bring about harmony and strengthen the higher aims of Capitular Masonry. My association with the members of this Grand Chapter during the years I have been connected with the same have been pleasant, fraternal and calculated to impress me with the higher aims of life.

"We have worked together in a spirit of unity and brotherly love and for the purpose of doing all in our power for the betterment of Capitular Masonry and the advancement of the principles and moral value of our Order. In all this work, we have not forgotten the ritualism, the symbolism, the traditions and legends attaching to our mystic rites. They may be divided, separated and measured as the essentials and the non-essentials of the Capitular life. But to my mind these moral virtues and the ceremonial and legendary attributes of our wonderful system form, as it were, a symmetrical chain, one link of which cannot be broken, without weakening and confusing the entire Capitular fabric."

He visited more than two-fifths of all the Chapters in the State. He paid loving tribute to the dead of his Jurisdiction, issued a number of special Dispensations and Dispensations to constitute four new Chapters which netted four hundred dollars.

Both the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary are bonded, the one in the sum of \$25,000.00, the other in the sum of \$5,000.00.

He suggests a liberal appropriation for the erection of a Masonic Hospital.

Four new Chapters were constituted and four instituted.

A number of courtesies were extended to and received from other Jurisdictions.

Two of the decisions made are quoted below and numerous inquiries were answered by reference to the law governing the points in question:

“Decision No. 1—Question: Would you permit our Chapter to make a donation out of its Chapter funds to assist in the erection of a Protestant hospital? Answer: I could not approve of such action. The funds of a Chapter are for Masonic purposes only, and I can see no good reason for diverting them to the uses suggested in your inquiry.

“This question was decided by one of my predecessors, but as other Chapters have asked me for substantially the same information, I deem the matter of such vital importance that the substance of the decision should be repeated.

“Decision No. 2—Question: A young man, after receiving the Master Mason’s degree, underwent an amputation of his leg below the knee. He has fully recovered, and has secured an artificial limb. He is capable in every respect of carrying on his usual vocations. He is now Secretary of his Lodge and a man of high moral character. Is he eligible to receive the Chapter degree? Answer: Yes; I have no hesitancy whatever in so answering.”

We learn from the address that:

“The increase in the membership for the year is 2,079, and our total membership is now 37,350.”



In conclusion, he finds English words inadequate to praise the worth and services of Grand Secretary WARVELLE, and says:

*“Meiner acht-baren Gross Secretar, ich danke Ihnen, mit herzlichen erinnerung für Ihre gemüthlichkeit und freundlichkeit, durch alles was Sie für mich gethan haben.”*

Who wouldn't be proud to receive thanks so evidently heartfelt?

The able and comprehensive address closes with a hopeful note and the beautiful poem of Sam Walter Foss as follows:

“ ‘There are hermit souls that live withdrawn  
In the place of their self-content;  
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart  
In a fathomless firmament;  
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths  
Where highways never ran—  
But let me live by the side of the road,  
And be a friend to man.

“ ‘Let me live in a house by the side of the road,  
Where the race of men go by—  
The men who are good and the men who are bad,  
As good and as bad as I;  
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,  
Or hurl the cynic's ban—  
Let me live in a house by the side of the road,  
And be a friend to man.

“ ‘I see from my house by the side of the road,  
By the side of the highway of life,  
The men who press with the ardor of hope,  
The men who are faint with the strife,  
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears—  
Both parts of an infinite plan—  
Let me live in my house by the side of the road,  
And be a friend to man.



“ ‘I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead  
And mountains of wearisome height,  
That the road passes on through the long afternoon  
And stretches away to the night.  
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,  
And weep with the strangers that moan,  
Nor live in my house by the side of the road,  
Like the man who dwells alone.

“ ‘Let me live in my house by the side of the road,  
Where the race of men go by—  
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,  
Wise, foolish—so am I;  
Then why should I sit in the scorner’s seat  
Or hurl the cynic’s ban?  
Let me live in my house by the side of the road,  
And be a friend to man.’”

“My esteemed and beloved Companions, the account of my stewardship is now in your hands. I thank you for your patient waiting.”

The Grand Lecturers made exhaustive reports and so did the District Officers.

The Grand Treasurer reports cash and securities in his hands to the amount of \$71,235.40.

The Grand Secretary reports that every Chapter on the roll has made returns and paid dues to this Convocation.

A very elaborate report came from the Committee on Obituaries, which closes as follows:

“In compiling these memorials we are impressed with the conviction that devotion to the works of Masonry and the zeal in its service that earns promotion to its honors are conducive to length of days. Of the thirty-one distinguished Companions noticed more than one-half, or seventeen, had lived beyond the Scriptural threescore and ten. Ten of them had celebrated their 75th birthdays and three had passed the age of fourscore. Of the remaining fourteen four had passed the age of 65, two more were over 60, and six were close to threescore.

“In several cases we have been compelled to regret the lack, in the notices which have reached us from their own Jurisdictions, of information of use to their Companions to whom the subjects were not personally known. Those out of personal touch with a departed Brother can derive useful lessons from his career and be moved to emulate his worthy example only by knowledge of what he did for his fellow-men, his country and the Craft. No ornaments of rhetoric, no elegance of typography or portraiture, will make good, in such a case, the absence of *facts*.

“On the principle that ‘constant dropping wears away the stone,’ we again urge upon the several Grand Secretaries, who are chiefly responsible for the compilation of these obituary notices, the importance of some sort of agreement upon what they should and must contain to make it worth while to send them out at all, and especially to Jurisdictions where the departed Companion was not personally known.”

The statistical tables are all very full and complete, which, with the record of the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, brings us to the Correspondence Report, prepared by Past Grand High Priest and R. E. Grand Secretary, Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE.

We clip the whole of the opening of this report, as to attempt to select any particular part would be to emasculate it; and his own words and quotations are so deftly dovetailed that it must be all or none:

“COMPANIONS: Herewith find my twelfth annual epistle. In its composition I have studied brevity and conciseness of statement. In fact, some of my esteemed congeners of the guild claim that I overdevelop these traits, to the detriment of my epistle. As a reply to criticism of this kind I am going to quote Companion David Wright, of Wisconsin, who very euphemistically summarizes the matter as follows:

“ ‘We hope correspondents of Jurisdictions receiving little space herein, will, as intended, regard it as a compliment, rather than a slight, signifying that in our judgment their proceedings are within Capitular rule and for the general advancement of our branch of Ancient Craft Masonry.’

“Well, that is just what I wanted to say, but Wright has said it so



much better than I could that I will adopt it as my own sentiments. I trust, therefore, that my aforesaid esteemed congeners will kindly overlook both my shortcomings and long goings.

“I fear, however, the average reader will find but little of moment in this epistle. Nor could it well be otherwise. As is tersely said by Companion E. T. D. Chambers, of Quebec:

“ ‘There are no outstanding incidents of unusual importance in connection with the history of Capitular Masonry during the last year calling for special reference. On the contrary, the progress of the Royal Craft since the issue of our last report has been marked by quiet, steady and satisfactory progress and every indication of great material prosperity.’

“And so I find it. Peace, prosperity and, it is said, harmony reign supreme throughout the length and breadth of the Capitular world. Even in Kansas, that land of perpetual drought, to say nothing of cyclones, grasshoppers and cockleburrs, there is not a ripple of excitement. Over in Indiana the populace is engrossed in the peaceful pursuits of art and ‘litercher,’ and not even the strenuous cry of the suffragette is sufficient to disturb the summer calm that pervades the banks of the Wabash far away. Therefore it is, that the chronicler, reflecting these peaceful moods, must needs adapt his pen to the requirements of the hour.

“Now, if some one would only start something.

“As it is, about all the reviewer can do is to summarize the business of the annual session. But who cares to read these details? Not many. At best, as my friend Arvine Johnston, of the ‘Deestricht,’ once very forcibly expressed it, they are only ‘colorless, bloodless recitals,’ and the average reader can hardly be censured for refusing to read them. As Companion W. F. Cleveland, of Iowa, says:

“ ‘The general prosperity that is prevailing throughout the country has a tendency to make material scarce from which to produce an interesting report on Correspondence. Grand Bodies meet in annual convocation, open, appoint committees, listen to the reading of the annual address, receive reports from standing committees of nothing doing, election and installation of officers, presentation of a jewel to the retiring Grand Officer, close and go home.’

“As in previous years I have endeavored to cull such features of the proceedings as I thought might interest you. I have sought, without wearying you with details, to give enough to show general conditions, and where special legislation or other matters might be of service for our own guidance I have made allusions thereto. In my postscript I append a few vagaries—the unclassified ideas and fancies suggested by my annual ramble through the reports of proceedings.

“I trust you will read as much of this epistle as you may think your



system will safely stand. The facts you may regard as correctly stated; the opinions are my own, and every one of them is liable to be wrong. Thus do I forestall adverse criticism. And remember, should you perchance meet something that conflicts with your views, that your uncle is growing a trifle old and getting, perhaps, a bit old-fogyish. Wherefore, cover his failings with that 'broad mantle' we sometimes read about."

Under District of Columbia he blames it on the other fellow thusly:

"The report on Correspondence was presented by Companion Roe Fulkerson, than whom there is none whomer.

"He is in error, however, in saying that *I* misspelled the name of their G. H. P. Not but what the name may have been misspelled. I have heard of such things. But all complaints of this character should be directed to Phillips Bros., Springfield, Ill., and not to the undersigned.

"Besides, what does a little misspelling amount to, anyway? Why, I find my own name spelled in fifteen different ways every year, and sometimes by reviewers who criticise the way in which I mangle the language. There is a story of one of the old German (Holy Roman) emperors, who, having made a mistake in the gender of a noun, was corrected by one of his courtiers, to whom he replied, 'I am the emperor of the Romans and am above grammar.' This also is the prerogative of the reviewer. Spell 'em any old way you like."

This under Massachusetts is good:

"It seems that even in Massachusetts, that staid, decorous Massachusetts, there are Chapters in which 'the Past degree has been worked in a riotous manner'; and notwithstanding admonitions, the G. H. P. discovered that 'an old and large' Chapter 'had always used, and was now using, A Master's hat in the Past degree.' It seems that in Massachusetts 'the use of the hat is absolutely forbidden in Chapters at all times.' Now, what do you think of that?"

Pennsylvania passes his critical eye, and he says:

"I am reviewing the proceedings of the 'Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania' for the year ending December 27, 1912, 'being its one hundred and seventeenth year.' I am not going to dispute about names, but I fail to find any special evidence of sanctity in the proceedings under review, whatever may be the personal characteristics of the men who compose Grand Chapter. But, of course, such a fine body of men would not call themselves holy unless they really were holy.

“Well, at all events, the Saints held their four ‘quarterly communications’ as usual.”

My dear Warvelle, the degree, as you know, has been called, on account of its sublime significance, the “Holy Royal Arch” and Grand Chapter members in Pennsylvania no more claim personal holiness because of the name than do members of the Holy Catholic Church. Alas! we are not saints, but we trust we do not contaminate Royal Arch Masonry, though we are members of a Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

Then he concludes his review of Pennsylvania with this unkind fling at the writer:

“Brother Bates, like some others, has more faith in abstractions than in realities. At all events, he seems firmly of the opinion that governments existed before individuals; that the State is not merely the political entity of the nation, but the creator of the nation. In fact, this seems to be the accepted belief in Pennsylvania. As I have been teaching young men a contrary doctrine for the last twenty years, if I am wrong I would like to be set right.”

Not so, Companion WARVELLE; abstractions were never in our line; life with us has been of too practical and strenuous a character to enable us to drift into the dreamland of metaphysics. We have had the same sources of information open to us, and the assertion that “governments existed before individuals” is an absurdity and entirely apart from the question. We must confine the discussion to the narrow subject of Masonic organization. Even you will not claim that our three Grand Masters were elected from among the toilers who built the first Temple. Our whole fraternity is built upon symbolism with



the first and second Temples as the prototypes. Grand Masters existed before Grand Lodges and government by Grand Masters preceded Constitutions and Grand Bodies. The Grand Master or the Grand High Priest, like the King, can do no wrong and they cannot be called in question except by transgressing some provision of the ancient landmarks. Later on we have the assembling of Masons sporadically, not as fixed and stable organizations; then later still regular Lodges, and then comes the Grand Body with delegated powers.

We, the people of the United States, have set up a government and voluntarily surrendered for the good of the whole certain rights, and we must obey willy-nilly the laws passed by the Congress whether we like them or not. We may not like the Income Tax, may have done all in our power to defeat the measure, but we will make our return just the same.

The power of life and death rests with the Grand Chapter. It can sequestrate warrants and without a warrant the *creature* dies.

Under Vermont, he says in his usual emphatic way:

“And thus it is that good men continue to disagree.

“He finds a growing sentiment in favor of a more liberal interpretation ‘of that hoary-headed, moss-covered illusion of physical perfection’ of candidates. Perhaps the time may come when in reality the ‘internal’ and not the ‘external’ qualifications shall be the test of fitness. At present, in some Jurisdictions, the rulings respecting the physical condition of candidates borders on senile imbecility.”

Too much vitriol in this.



Then this under Wyoming:

“He is further of opinion that the selecting and recording of a ‘mark’ is a matter of little importance, an opinion with which I fully agree. The frantic efforts of some G. H. Ps., and the drastic legislation of some Grand Chapters, to secure the branding of the herd is almost puerile.”

If a promise to do a thing is of no moment, then the recording of a “Mark” is a matter of little importance. It is not that the act of recording a Mark is the essential, but the failure to do it when that is a requirement. If there is no present need for the use of Marks, take away the requirement. But to ask the fulfillment of a promise is neither “frantic” nor “puerile.”

Under Nova Scotia, we find the following:

“The rule of physical perfection, it seems, prevails in the Maritime Provinces. A Brother whose ‘character was above reproach’ was denied admission to the congregation of the faithful ‘owing to his left leg being stiff or without motion at the knee.’ Evidently good legs count for more than good characters in the Maritime Provinces.”

Good legs and good characters should count for more than the absence of either when that absence is made a bar to admission. No man-made law is perfect; but if the law is bad, annul it; but so long as it is the law, enforce it.

From the postscript we cull this delightful bit:

“Once more I have finished my annual ramble through the proceedings and have set down in due order the matters and things seen on my journey. And again I find in my kit a lot of desultory fancies and unclassified ideas that have accumulated during my travels. And so, as in former years, let us leave the broad highway for the pleasant by-paths. We will go in no particular direction, neither will we have any set purpose. There are times when even this is refreshing, just as in the

old days of happy boyhood we wandered by the brookside and through the meadows and tangled our feet in the tall grass.''

And we quote with heartiest approval the following, *re gustatory pleasures*:

“Of late I have noticed a marked change in the gastronomic side of Freemasonry. In the old days the banquet was the final feature of the evening’s work. Not only was it late when the Brethren sat down, but frequently it was early when they arose. It was held to be an inherent right of every Brother to incur indigestion if so disposed, and there were few who failed to exercise the right. Again, it was an invariable rule that a ‘feast of reason’ should follow the ‘flow of soul,’ and the post prandial exercises were considered quite as essential as the viands.

“But now we may observe a marked change. In many of the bodies the banquet has become strictly a dinner, which is served at six o’clock, and the oratory has been cut out. It is contended in support of this new departure, that ill-cooked and late-eaten food is a greater menace than a hold-up man with a machine gun, and that when it is supplemented by undigested ideas, sentimental gush and other forms of poor talk, the combination is fatal. And so, as conducive to length of days and mental soundness the apostles of the new thought say, ‘The banquet must go.’”

The following on “a Penny a Day” is instructive:

“A PENNY A DAY.

“Notwithstanding the ever-increasing high cost of living, the wages of a Mark Master have not been raised for over a century, and the absurd old rate of a penny a day still continues to be paid. As I have heretofore shown, this ridiculously low wage scale seems to have been the work of the early American ritualists. I have in my possession two old English rituals of Mark Man and Mark Mason, in both of which there is a specification of wages. In the former the rate was ‘nine shekels, equal to £1 2s. 6d. of our money,’ and in the latter it was ‘Twenty-five shekels, equal to £3 2s. 6d. of our money.’ What the present rate may be in England I am unable to say, but no Englishman would work for the beggarly stipend paid in the American Mark Lodges.

“I am inclined to believe, however, that our English Brethren have fixed these abnormally high prices to make up for the actual wages formerly paid in England to the operative Craft. As late as the year



1689, the wages of Freemasons were prescribed by law at one shilling and four pence a day. To demand more subjected them to severe penalties. In fact, it was really the passing of restrictive laws, commencing, say, about 1356, that led to the present speculative institution, and Masonic scholars of eminence assign the year 1424 as the date for the cessation of English Freemasonry as a strictly operative association.

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“Over in Indiana, as I am informed, the Mark degree has been thoroughly recast and the old wage scale abolished. What are now the going wages in that Jurisdiction I am unable to inform you. Possibly it is only rations—corn, wine and oil. But for some reason it was deemed expedient, if not necessary, to eliminate the parable of the householder, and as the present wage depends upon the parable, of course it had to go also. I presume the Hoosiers are entirely justified in this revolutionary act, but I greatly question its wisdom. While it may be true that the introduction of New Testament incidents and passages are innovations on the old rituals, so also are the elimination of such incidents and passages innovations on the still older rituals. If the old Freemasons of the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries could see the Freemasonry of the twentieth century, how much of it would they recognize? As an aid in answering this question, read the Regius Poem (Halliwell MS., *circa* 1388).

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“A comparison of the lecture of the Mark Master degree, as it was conferred in this Jurisdiction for fifty years, with those of the two English workings that I have mentioned, shows that in the matter of impressiveness, moral design and ritualistic rendering the American article far transcends its English prototypes. By whomsoever it may have been constructed, I can only say, they builded well. The present feeble recension of the old degree furnished by the General Grand, and which we are now using, retains the parable of the householder and, as a necessary sequence, the old wages of a penny a day. While very much of the old impressiveness has been lost in the new and ‘improved’ rendition, let us yet be thankful that the disciples of the new thought have left us the parable and let us strenuously insist that there shall be no increase in wages. At least, not until the present generation of old-timers shall have presented their life-work, for the test of the Great Overseer’s square.”

From the able and instructive brochure “concerning ‘King’ Solomon,” we extract the following:



“The Solomon of the M. M. degree is, of course, impossible. Indeed, it is generally conceded that the incidents of the degree could not have occurred in the manner and form of the ritual. And yet, this is very justly regarded as one of the most impressive as well as one of the most instructive of all the lessons in the Masonic curriculum. I am referring to the old degree as taught by Cross, Sheville and Gould, and which for half a century was conferred in the Chapters of Illinois, rather than to the emasculated lecture we now give under that name. The only Scriptural incident is the introduction of the Parable of the Householder in a manner that sets at defiance all laws pertaining to time and space. This, however, does not in any way militate against the degree as a symbol nor impair the value of the lesson it imparts.”

Under “What’s in a Name” Companion WARVELLE says:

“I doubt not but that at some time the question has been presented to you, Why is the seventh degree called Royal Arch? What is its true significance? From what was it derived?”

Then after quoting from Companion H. J. WILLIAMS, of New Zealand, on the subject, he says:

“In the old days Arch Mason was simply a term of dignity, like Archbishop. This seems to have been its first and only meaning. The adjectives ‘Royal’ and ‘Holy’ came later and with them the new and abstruse doctrines that the fathers never even dreamed of. The name ‘Arch Mason’ seems to have been first applied only to the Installed Masters, to distinguish them from the Master Masons generally when the ‘Masters Part’ became a recognized degree. From this circumstance grew the rule, which we still observe, that a candidate for the degrees must have ‘regularly passed the chair.’ Viewed in this light, the name seems not only simple, but very appropriate.”

From his conclusion we gather the following information:

“The total number of Royal Arch Masons in the obedience of the Grand Chapters of the United States is 418,278, of which number 28,357 were exalted last year. The total increase for the year was 16,820. In the District of Columbia there was a decrease of 52. I presume Roe Fulkerson can tell why this was, but I don’t believe he will.

“In the forward movement I am pleased to report that Illinois still

keeps an advanced place, and that you may the better understand this I shall present a few diagrams. As membership is usually regarded as the criterion of relative standing, my first diagram will be an exposition of this phase of the subject. I select a few of the big fellows—our competitors in the race for premiership. Glance at this:

“Membership.

“New York .....	37,438
Illinois .....	35,117
Ohio .....	33,415
Pennsylvania .....	32,503

“These are the ‘Big Four’ of the bunch. If you will compare these figures with those of former years, you will perceive that we are steadily gaining on New York. But observe also that Ohio is following us close.

“In the matter of activity, as represented by the exaltations, Illinois leads, surpassing even our most powerful competitor, New York. The exaltations are the best and most satisfactory evidence of Capitular life, and should we be able to preserve the same ratio for a few years longer we will stand at the head of the lines. Again, I invite your attention to a few figures:

“Exaltations.

“Illinois .....	2,704
New York .....	2,374
Ohio .....	2,374
Pennsylvania .....	1,637

“Now, while Illinois shows the largest gains for the year, yet Ohio is but twenty behind us. It certainly behooves Illinois to spit on its hands and take a new hold. Otherwise—but we won’t stop to look at that side of the picture.

“I think the foregoing, while affording much ground for satisfaction, still shows the importance of work. Not only do we wish to maintain our place, but if possible to move up a point. It can be done. But it will be necessary for the dead ones to get a move on themselves.

“Companion Kies has made a computation of average Chapter membership, which presents some interesting features. It seems the largest membership is in the smallest territorial localities. Thus, in the District of Columbia the average membership is 294; in Delaware it is 285. On the contrary, in New York it is only 180 and in Illinois we have but 174. This results, mainly, from a large number of small and inactive Chapters.

“In the matter of big Chapters, Rhode Island still leads. Providence Chapter, No. 1, of Providence, returns a membership of 1,946. No

other Chapter in the world even approaches it in point of members. Illinois, however, comes second, the returns of Lincoln Park Chapter, of Chicago, showing a total membership of 1,695, while Wiley M. Egan Chapter returns 1,518. Keep moving!"

LOUIS L. EMMERSON, M. E. Grand High Priest.

GEORGE W. WARVELLE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in its Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, at 2 o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, the 22d day of October, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1913.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion SAMUEL L. SHIRLEY, delivered the annual address. He opens as follows:

"MY ESTEEMED COMPANIONS:—Another year has passed since last we met, and it is my great pleasure to welcome you to this, the Sixty-eighth Convocation in our history as a Grand Chapter. To this meeting we look forward, anticipating the joys and pleasures that shall be ours as we greet each other face to face and grasp the friendly hand. But there also comes to us a feeling of great sorrow when we realize that some who have met here in days gone by are no longer with us to add to this Convocation their words of wisdom."

Two new Chapters were constituted.

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$7,768.09 and securities to the amount of \$8,000, which is confirmed by the Grand Secretary, who reports:



“Number of chartered Chapters in Indiana, October 23, 1912, 116; number of Chapters under Dispensation, 3; number of charters revoked, 2; active Chapters in Indiana, October 22, 1913, 117.

“Work of the Year—Mark Masters, 1,259; Past Masters, 1,256; Most Excellent Masters, 1,248; Royal Arch Masons, 1,307; reinstated, 25; affiliated, 97; died, 217; dimitted, 209; suspended for non-payment of dues, 130; suspended for other causes, 4; expelled, 7. Total membership, January 1, 1913, 16,384. Net increase in membership, 745.

“It will be observed by the foregoing that Royal Arch Masonry has flourished greatly during the past year. It is one of the exceptional years in point of numerical increase, and your Grand Secretary has every reason to believe that this increase is, as usual with the Chapters in Indiana, of the highest character.”

The Grand Inspector, Companion JOHN J. GLENDENNING, made a very full report of his work, and in conclusion says:

“The records of all the Chapters visited were found to be in good condition, being in proper form and neatly and legibly written. I do not now recall a single instance this year where I have had to offer any criticism in regard to the records.

“The Chapters, with but two or three exceptions, were found to be observing the regulation in regard to the adoption of Marks and having same recorded in the Lodge Book of Marks, and those that were negligent in this observance were not aware that such a regulation is in force.”

As is our wont, we clip from the proceedings of Indiana the valuable Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates for the year 1913:

#### “MASONIC CALENDAR.

##### “ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

“Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it *Anno Lucis* (A.L.), ‘in the year of light.’

##### “ROYAL ARCH MASONS—

“Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis* (A.Inv.), ‘in the year of discovery.’

##### “ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

“Date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis* (A.Dep.), ‘in the year of deposit.’

“ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

“Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedec, *Anno Beneficio* (A.B.), ‘in the year of the blessing.’

“KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

“Commence their era with the organization of their Order, *Anno Ordinis* (A.O.), ‘in the year of the Order.’

#### “RULES FOR MASONIC DATES.

“For the Year 1913.

“ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

“Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus: 1913 and 4000—5913.

“ROYAL ARCH MASONS—

“Add 530 years to the common era. Thus: 1913 and 530—2443.

“ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

“Add 1000 to the common era. Thus: 1913 and 1000—2913.

“ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

“To the common era add 1913. Thus: 1913 and 1913—3826.

“KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

“From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1913—795.”

The “Annual Capitular Review” comes from the pen of M. E. Companion ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, P. G. H. P., who says in opening:

“I herewith submit the Capitular fodder gathered during my third raking of the Grand Jurisdictional pastures—some of it succulent as honey and the honeycomb and some dry as dead men’s bones, but all, I trust, of value in the making of bone and sinew needed to assist in furthering the great work entrusted to our care.

“During the major portion of the time dedicated to this work, the temperature has ranged from 90 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. This untoward circumstance, in connection with an especially sore family bereavement of many weeks’ duration, naturally has served to oppress and, in a measure, lessen the value of the result obtained. For this shortcoming I crave your indulgence.

“If this third reportorial gleaning in the Capitular gardens shall secure for you a better understanding of the problems that yet confront the Craft, or sweeten your acquaintance with some of the noblest men of earth charged with the betterment of this glorious Institution of ours, then I shall be satisfied.”

Under Arizona, he commends the brevity of the necrological report, saying:

“Accustomed to the habits of a Jurisdiction where the necrological reports are never less than two, and each a pluperfect example of prolixity and the ornate elucidation of life, death and immortality, of things present and things to come, the Arizona system rather appeals to me.”

From the review of Delaware we clip the following:

“Under Indiana he reports that ‘the degree of M. E. Master was exemplified before the Grand Chapter.’ One might gather from this that the Grand Chapter had a hand in the work, which was not the case. Grand Chapter was at ‘refreshment’ and the delegates were merely visitors at a Convocation of Keystone Chapter of Indianapolis. Indiana does not approve of the custom prevailing in some Jurisdictions of Grand Chapter usurping the prerogatives of its constituents in the matter of conferring degrees.”

We immediately looked on our shoulder to see if there was a chip on it, but concluded it was only a shadow. In Pennsylvania the several degrees are exemplified before Grand Chapter, but Grand Chapter is “called off,” and the officers of some subordinate Chapter do the exemplifying.

Under Illinois we find this, *re* physical perfection:

“The loss of either hand by a Master Mason is no longer a bar to admission into an Illinois Chapter. What a jolt to the physical perfectionist! Some iconoclast is the Illinois Grand Chapter.”

But, then, you know Companion WARVELLE, the inimitable, asks, “When shall we learn that the Royal Arch is only a symbol?”

Speaking of Companion WARVELLE’S answer to Companion SEWARD, of New Hampshire, *re* “centralization,” he says:



“The above argument should dispel the doctrine advanced by Companion Bennett, of Canada, in holding up the reception of Grand Chapter of Utah, that ‘a Grand Chapter after declaring allegiance to the General Grand Chapter ceases to be a sovereign body.’ Its status is not changed, even though the General Grand High Priest declares it ‘subject to his Jurisdiction,’ for in like manner is the General Grand the creature and not the creator. After a year’s consideration, this view finally prevailed, and she was given equal recognition with her sister Jurisdictions, similarly situated.”

To secure certain inalienable rights, “governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,” and the governed, in at least one Jurisdiction, consented to the following:

“The Grand Chapter is the only true and legitimate source of authority over Capitular Masonry within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging. It is supreme and sovereign. It makes the law for its constituents and the members of the Fraternity under its Jurisdiction, and is governed by no law other than the landmarks of Freemasonry. It grants Warrants for Royal Arch Chapters and duly constitutes them. Subordinate Chapters are constituted and work by virtue of these Warrants—the Grand Chapter has the power to enact laws and regulations for the government of Capitular Masonry, and to alter and repeal such laws and regulations; but it cannot change, alter, or destroy the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry. It has the inherent power to investigate and determine all matters relating to Capitular Masonry in general, to particular Chapters, and to individual

Companions, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called in question," and the Grand High Priest is "supreme in all matters concerning Capitular Masonry, except when the Grand Chapter limits his power by its Constitution."

The Constitution, therefore, is the supreme law and the Grand High Priest is its exponent.

The Fourth Landmark, according to Mackey, is: "The government of the Fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the Craft, is a Fourth Landmark of the Order. Many persons suppose that the election of the Grand Master is held in consequence of a law or regulation of the Grand Lodge. Such, however, is not the case. The office is indebted for its existence to a landmark of the Order. Grand Masters, or persons performing the functions under a different but equivalent title, are to be found in the records of the Institution long before Grand Lodges were established; and if the present system of legislative government by Grand Lodges were to be abolished, a Grand Master would still be necessary."

Then follow the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Landmarks, but they are too long to quote. "But Warrants of constitution, by-laws, permanent officers and annual arrears are modern innovations wholly outside the landmarks and dependent entirely on the special enactments of a comparatively recent period."



Companion WARVELLE says:

“Lodges, Chapters and other forms of Masonic convention all had an existence before the Grand Bodies were known. They made Masons. This was not only their prerogative, but the real reason for their existence—to propagate the species. Conditions have not changed. A legislative assembly is not a ‘regularly constituted Chapter’ within the meaning of the O. B.”

True, but not before Grand Masters, by whose authority they existed.

We quote with hearty commendation, under Kentucky, the following, *re* “dependent membership”:

“He is a strong advocate of dependent membership, with which doctrine I, too, am in hearty accord, although my Grand Chapter is not. The Grand Chapter of Indiana, of course, requires a petitioner for the Capitular degrees to be a Master Mason in good standing in his Lodge, but as soon as he becomes a Royal Arch Mason it is his privilege under the law as it now exists for him to turn his back on the Lodge that made it possible for him to rise to greater dignities and spurn its very existence. It is not right. If he is able to pay Lodge dues while a Chapter member, let him pay them; if not, is it a disgrace to ask for their remission? The loss of free-will, claimed by some, is balderdash. He was not permitted the exercise of free-will as to Lodge membership when petitioning Chapter; then why claim it for him after he becomes a member. I am eternally opposed to the ‘stepping-stone’ project, and I thank the good fairies that the Grand Encampment was clear in its conception of the true spirit of Masonry when it chose to deny its members the right to any of its privileges unless they continue loyal to both stepping-stones—Lodge and Chapter—by maintaining good standing in both.”

Under New York, we find the following:

“A provisional Chapter was opened at eight o’clock that evening by the Grand Lecturer for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures of the degree of Most Excellent Master, after which the catechetical lectures of the several degrees were rehearsed and the provisional Chapter closed. Will some one in position to know please inform the uninformed by what authority this procedure was had, and what right this body had to initiate candidates belonging to a regularly constituted Chapter? To my mind, this is even more pernicious than were the degrees conferred



by Grand Chapter itself. In the case under consideration, Grand Chapter was at refreshment. There is absolutely no call for such illogical action.’’

If Companion Woods will substitute the dictionary meaning of exemplify—“to illustrate, show by example”—for his assumed definition, he will realize that no candidates were initiated, and “of course the postulants were ‘dummies’ and the meeting for instruction only.”

But Landmark 8, “The prerogative of the Grand Master (and by parity of reasoning the Grand High Priest) to make Masons (Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch) at sight,” would permit initiation by virtue of the presence of the Grand High Priest. The above also answers this under Pennsylvania:

“We also note the conference, while ‘called off,’ of the several degrees of the Chapter ‘in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons’ by the Capital School of Instruction. Doubtless, this was a provisional Chapter. It is not necessary to repeat my disapproval of this method. The Companions of Pennsylvania are satisfied, and the rest of us ‘can dance.’”

And still under Pennsylvania, Companion Woods gets back at the writer, thusly:

“Companion Bates, whom it was my pleasure to meet at the Supreme Council in Philadelphia last month, gives Indiana for 1912 a good deal of soothing syrup and some physic, intended of course in a motherly way for our edification and growth in grace. He wonders why I quoted, with approval, Companion Warvelle’s opinion concerning the vice of the doctrine practiced in Pennsylvania, ‘that objection to a candidate must be made personally in open Chapter,’ it being remembered that there is no territorial Jurisdiction, as with us, but that the candidate may apply to any Chapter in the State. For my enlightenment he then quotes the section of their Code, and appends a page of comment; but inasmuch as in the final analysis, ‘objection has the force of a black ball in Pennsylvania, but the objector cannot rest at home and mail his objection, when by his presence he may cast a black ball,’ the status is not changed. Objection with us, and most States, has the force of a black ball, but our

contention is that it is requiring too much of the objector to compel him in every instance to appear in open Chapter in person. Especially is this true in Pennsylvania, where it might necessitate his traveling the length of the State and back again. With us, an objection lodged with the High Priest is sufficient, and the manner of lodgment is not specified. But, as Companion Bates says, *n'importe*. As I once heard a colored lad reply to another who was kidding him about the loudness of a certain pair of 'pants' he was wearing, until he got rather sore about it, 'What's it to yuh? If they please me, they ought to tickle you to death.' It's only a matter of opinion, anyway; so we will each rest in the satisfying warmth of our own Capitular firesides."

Thanks, Companion Woods, for calling me an old woman, or words to that effect, when you say that what I gave Indiana was "intended, of course, in a *motherly* way." Now, we did meet at the Supreme Council and it was a pleasure to me to meet you, but, it was

"Like ships that pass in the night and speak each other in passing;  
Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness.  
So on the ocean of life we pass and speak one another;  
Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and silence."

We met you, but we wanted more of you, so that we might get acquainted. You see I want to convert you to the Pennsylvania idea.

And now we come to the conclusion, and with it we are out of the woods, so far as Indiana is concerned:

"From the several allocutions, and elsewhere throughout the proceedings that cover the doings of the Capitular world, we are convinced of nothing so much as the universal reign of peace and harmony. The old questions that stirred the correspondents to hectic action have in the main been settled. Here and there we find able champions among the submerged corps that don't know they are submerged. These will continue to battle for what they believe to be the right until they rest beneath the silent clods of the valley. In the end only truth can prevail. The best will survive. All honor to these valiant heroes who have shed light on the dark battlefields where Masonic truth struggled for supremacy.



“Thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions advocate the doctrine of dependent membership.

“Grand Chapter should be proud to require every Companion to keep faith with his Lodge, last, as well as first. May my tongue stiffen with palsy ere I cease from troubling you on this point of equity and justice.

“A strict interpretation of the law of physical perfection is measurably a thing of the past. More and more are we coming to believe that a Master Mason who is mentally and morally strong, although unfortunate when it comes to the possession of perfection of his bodily members, is of infinitely more importance to the Craft than a numbskull with every grace of form and movement. Verily, ‘the internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards.’

“Lately the question of exclusive Jurisdiction among subordinates has come up for adjudication. Conditions are changing. The half-way point ‘as the crow flies’ does not seem in some instances to meet the requirements, and Grand Chapters are being asked to legislate for the greater good. Some of them are meeting the issue, like our immediate neighbors on the north and east, where there is a constitutional provision permitting concurrent Jurisdiction between any two or more Chapters as can be agreed upon by them.

“And so, in one way or another, the great work goes on, let us hope, for the betterment of this greatest of all human institutions. Its welfare should be our constant care. We are fortunate to have a part in its advancement. The Lord give us strength and wisdom to do our part well.

“To the scribes at the Round Table, peace; the peace that passeth all understanding. May the God of our fathers go with you.”

EARL H. PAYNE, M. E. Grand High Priest.

CALVIN W. PRATHER, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## KANSAS.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in its Forty-eighth Annual Convocation at the Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita, Kans., on Monday, February 17, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, at 3 P.M.



The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion HARRY E. BEST, read his annual address: After expressing his *unbounded pleasure* in greeting and welcoming the Companions, he says:

“Forty-eight years ago now, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas first met in Annual Convocation, and forty-eight years ago your Grand High Priest first saw the light of day. These two important events happened at a time when the country was engaged in warfare; the North was arrayed against the South, and the red man against the white. To-day we are assembled in this historic city, builded along the shores of the famous Arkansas River, where at that time the red man and buffalo roamed at will along its banks.

“We are living in an age of progress, evidences of which surround us on every hand. In these wonderful strides onward and upward, Masonry in all its branches has kept pace with the front rank. This beautiful Temple whose walls surround us stands as a monument to the Fraternity.

“A prosperous and healthy condition exists among the Craft, and it gives me pleasure to report a net gain of 293 for the year (a slight increase over last year), and a total enrollment of 9,409 Royal Arch Masons in good standing within this Grand Jurisdiction.

“We are assembled in Annual Convocation to legislate for the welfare of our beloved Grand Chapter, to review its past triumphs, enjoy its present prosperity and plan for its future progress.

“At such a time our thoughts are naturally of those who, having made glorious its past, assured the prosperity of its present, and made plain the path of its future perfection, have passed to the Great Beyond. During the year 132 of our companions have been called to present their work for final inspection.”

Kansas has a cash balance of \$4,967.79, so its Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion AARON H. CONNETT, says.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 9409, divided among 91 Chapters, and two U. D.

The report of the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers says of the Grand High Priest's address:

“The well-prepared address of the Grand High Priest evinces a thoughtful discriminating interest in his work, together with a full

appreciation of its honors and responsibilities, which is modestly acknowledged in the BEST and most felicitous manner.

“We take pleasure in complimenting him and his associate officers upon the uniform excellence of their work, and to congratulate the Craft upon the zeal and fidelity displayed in the line of official duty.

“The Grand High Priest in his opening remarks pleasantly alludes to two important events occurring on or about the time of the first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, evidencing the fact that we are living in an age of progress, in which Masonry is making rapid strides onward and upward beyond the most felicitous expectation of those who unfurled its standard forty-eight years ago. The beauties of brotherly love, relief and truth stand forth on every page, a beacon light to him whose footsteps are just entering upon the threshold of Capitular Masonry.”

And we fully agree with the Committee.

We have taken a mournful pleasure in reading the report of the Committee on Necrology, which is a carefully written and appropriate paper. We quote the poetry closing this report because of its simple beauty:

“Some time at eve, when the tide is low,  
I shall slip my moorings and sail away,  
With no response to a friendly hail,  
In the silent hush of the twilight pale,  
When the night stoops down to embrace the day.  
And the voices call in the water's flow—  
Some time at eve, when the water is low,  
I shall slip my mooring and sail away  
Through purple shadows that darkly trail  
O'er the ebbing tide of the unknown sea.  
And a ripple of waters to tell the tale  
Of a lonely voyage, sailing away  
To mystic isles, where at anchor lay  
The craft of those who have sailed before,  
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore.  
A few who have watched me sail away,  
Will miss my craft from the busy bay;  
Some friendly barks that were anchored near,

Some loving souls that my heart held dear,  
In silent sorrow will drop a tear;  
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail  
In mooring sheltered from storm and gale,  
And greeting the friends who have sailed before  
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore."

The report on Correspondence comes from the pen of M. E. Companion MATTHEW M. MILLER. It is his fifth and is a compact document, readable and interesting.

We like Companion MILLER's method of quoting the decisions of Grand High Priests, for it is through a study of these we can follow the trend of thought in the several Jurisdictions.

Under Illinois, we re-quote Decision No. 6:

"Decision No. 6 presents a case essentially parallel with a case decided same way in Kansas twenty years ago by the writer. A Master Mason lost his right hand. On question of his eligibility for Chapter degrees, Grand High Priest ruled: 'The loss of either hand does not make a Master Mason ineligible for Chapter degrees.'"

Would the language of instruction be modified in such a case to "Raise your right *stump*?" But just how the instructee could "grasp" anything, we just at the moment don't see.

*Re* Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE's query as to correspondence reports, "But, are they read?" Companion MILLER says:

"Our theory is that the man in any line of business who does conscientious work, doing the best that in him lies, is bound to achieve compensating results, the highest of which to a correspondence writer, in my judgment, consists in having his effusions read, and receiving acknowledgments of appreciation from those capable of judging whether the work is good, and rings true to the spirit of Masonry."



Right you are! If you write the “stuff,” no fear but what it will be read, and the more we read of Companion MILLER’s report, the better we like it.

Under New Jersey, we read that (of the M. E. Grand High Priest of New Jersey)—

“During his term of office the ‘Traveling Triangle’ took up a temporary residence in the Jurisdiction, coming from Pythagorus Chapter, of Hartford, Conn., and visiting Orange Chapter, No. 23, of Orange, N. J. M. E. Companion Echlin says: ‘This custom originated with Saint Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, Canada. The idea is to have it placed in the keeping of one chapter in each Grand Chapter Jurisdiction until it has entered all of the Grand Chapter Jurisdictions of North America and many others throughout the world. Upon its return, the Chapters through whose care it has passed will be invited to be represented in Toronto at the grand reunion. This custom has created renewed interest in Capitular Masonry, and it is hoped will strengthen the various ties of companionship throughout the world.’”

We were asked not long ago what a “Traveling Triangle” was and how it could travel? We answered facetiously that it traveled on three legs and that if it was an equilateral, each leg was the same length as the other legs.

Under New South Wales, we clip the following, *re* recognition of new Grand Jurisdictions:

“Kansas, like Manitoba, has always said ‘Godspeed’ to any new Grand Body of which any of its subordinates formed a part, and has promptly recognized such new Grand Body.

“We think the true consideration which should govern must be the ‘good of Masonry.’ Further, we think it settled Masonic law as well as usage that where a new political subdivision of unoccupied territory has progressed to the point of having a sufficient number of Lodges to organize a Grand Lodge, and has done so according to Masonic usage, it has within itself the right of sovereignty, which once asserted becomes greater and superior to that of any other Lodge or Lodges holding under any claim of allegiance to sovereign bodies alien or foreign to such local Grand Body.

“We think the term sovereignty itself indicates power which cannot be divided with an antagonistic power—another sovereign. It is for this reason that American bodies insist in the United States as a prerequisite to recognition that the Grand Lodge sovereignty must be sole and exclusive. We vary that rule, however, in those foreign countries where various Grand Lodges have organized Lodges, and where any Lodges prefer to remain under the constitution of the then present Grand Lodge to which it belongs.

“Kansas recognized the Grand Lodge of Chili last year, notwithstanding it follows the general rule of comity between foreign Grand Lodges which concedes that it is no objection to the recognition of a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge that it permits the continuation of Lodges theretofore organized in its autonomous territory by other regular and legitimate Grand Lodges.

“We understand, however, the rule to be universally fixed, that upon the organization of a sovereign Grand Body, the right of any other Grand Body to grant charters for new bodies in its autonomous territory ceases at once whether such other Grand Body grants recognition or not.”

Under Pennsylvania, we clip the following, *re* Charity:

“This action calls attention to the fact that there are cases that require consideration and relief other than that usually given by the Masonic Home. And it raises the question whether in certain cases it would not be advantageous to the needy one to supplement the scanty means of a deserving family so as to make it possible to care for such an one at home rather than to make such an one a permanent member of the Masonic Home.”

In “certain cases” it is “advantageous to the needy one to supplement,” etc. In Pennsylvania we have, in addition to our two Homes (Masonic), several funds—the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the Girard Bequest, the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Fund—from which relief of this character is granted. Then there are the charity funds of Lodges and Chapters, all striving to preserve the integrity of the home.

Companion MILLER thus concludes:



“We have all through our report given utterance to our views concerning the questions up for consideration among the members and bodies of the Capitular Craft.

“We are glad to see the movement all along the line for a higher degree of expression of and regard for the dignity and solemnity of the Holy Royal Arch. It marks an era of improvement that has been already prolific of interest and growth.

“Incidentally we desire to note that the increased interest shown by the Capitular correspondents has made it much easier to dispense with the use of the scissors in the make-up of a Capitular report.

“The search for the philosopher’s stone among correspondents in Capitular Masonry has been ‘how to get something from nothing.’ It is a vain endeavor.”

ELRIC C. COLE, M. E. Grand High Priest.

ALBERT K. WILSON, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 21, 1913, A.I. 2443, and was opened in ample form on the Royal Arch degree at 8.00 o’clock P.M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN C. WORSHAM, delivered the annual address. In opening, he says:

“We are met together in our Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation. I am deeply sensible of the watchful care and loving kindness that has been bestowed upon the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction by our Heavenly Father, and return thanks to Him that we have been permitted to be the means through which some of His works have been accomplished. It is my earnest prayer that this Grand Chapter may continue to meet with favor in His eyes, and that its members may ever be worthy of the high estate to which they have been called.”



We quote the following decisions *re* inter-state Jurisdiction:

“The Jurisdiction of Chapters is determined by the residence of the petitioner (Reg. 309). The Grand Chapter of Ohio having refused to permit Masons within its Jurisdiction to petition Kentucky Chapters, so as to bring them within the provision of regulation No. 310, it will be necessary for the Ohio Chapter having Jurisdiction of your prospective petitioner to waive same before you can receive his petition, and said waiver must be certified to by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. This is in accord with section 94 of the Constitution.

“Section 106 of the Constitution provides that no Chapter shall ballot on a petition for degrees or affiliation unless the petitioner shall have been continuously a *bona fide* resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months or shall have obtained a waiver from the Chapter having jurisdiction over him. Section 94 of the Constitution provides that a Kentucky Chapter may accept and act upon a waiver from another Chapter, provided, if the waiver be received from a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction, it shall bear a certificate of the Grand Secretary thereof, attesting the regularity of the waiver and of the Chapter granting it.

“The provisions of the Constitution seem to be plain, and your Chapter should request of the Subordinate Chapter in Maryland, having jurisdiction over Brother Eugene Creed, to waive same in favor of Lexington Chapter, No. 1, and to have said waiver certified by the Grand Secretary of Maryland. Unless the Grand Chapter of Maryland has passed laws prescribing another mode of procedure from that outlined as above, the steps suggested are the proper ones to take.

“It has been suggested to me by Companion J. E. Pollock, in whose judgment I have much confidence, that in order for a High Priest to be eligible to that office he should be able to confer all of the degrees; the King should be able to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, and the Scribe be able to confer the degree of Mark Master, and the Captain of the Host should be able to conduct in all of the degrees. As he stated, this would at all times insure good ritualistic work.

“I think the suggestion is a good one, and would be productive of excellent results, if adopted by those Chapters where there are a sufficient number of members and a sufficient amount of enthusiasm to make the offices in the Chapter prizes to be sought; but I doubt whether the plan would be feasible in the smaller Chapters where the attendance is meagre and the difficulty of getting anyone to do the work is one often experienced. I think, however, that some steps ought, if possible, be taken

by this Grand Chapter to require a higher state of efficiency from all the officers of Subordinate Chapters than has been done in the past. I know that whenever a Chapter worker is familiar with his work he gets much more pleasure from doing it than if he has to read it from a ritual or smear over it in some way and, likewise, the impression made upon the candidate and upon the Chapter is much more effective. The greatest incentive to good work is to be found in the requirement of a Chapter that its officers shall know their parts and properly exemplify the degrees, and if the Subordinate Chapters would insist that those whom they elect to the various stations must learn their work, I believe they would do so. But so long as a Chapter is willing to put up with degrees which are conferred by officers with ritual in hand, just so long will that kind of work be done. The inevitable result is lack of enthusiasm and lack of interest.

“Section 77 of the Constitution provides that ‘each Chapter shall consist of the following officers: High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, who are to be elected, and Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vail and Sentinel, who shall be elected or appointed and as many other members as may be elected, advanced or affiliated with the Chapter.’ Certain Chapters of this State are fortunate enough to possess a sufficient amount of property to require special attention as to its management and control. In some instances those Chapters, as authorized under the old Constitution, have provided for the election of a Board of Trustees to manage and control their property, and their experience has been that it is much better to have their property managed by Trustees than by the regular officers of the Chapter, who change more frequently. Under the present constitution, no provision is made for the election of Trustees, nor would the election of such an officer be lawful, unless provided for under the old Constitution. In the interest of the welfare of Subordinate Chapters, I think Section 77 of the Constitution ought to be amended so as to authorize those Chapters who desire so to do to elect said Board of Trustees to have the management and control of the Chapters’ property. This, then, would leave each Chapter to its election as to how it would prefer to have its property managed.

“The new Chapter ritual, which was adopted at the 1887 convocation, varies considerably from the old ritual, and, in my judgment, some of the changes made were not improvements. For instance, the new ritual refers to the degree of a Mark Master as the ‘Honorary’ degree. The old ritual had it the ‘honorable’ degree of a Mark Master, which is the correct designation.

“An honorary degree is one which is conferred simply as an honor, and indicates that it is not earned by service, but is bestowed as an



honorarium; whereas an honorable degree, as Masonically understood, is one which marks a distinct achievement in the Mason's progress. It is a title earned, not bestowed.

"One becomes a Mark Master only after he has wrought in the quarries and exhibited specimens of his skill. His successful apprenticeship entitles him to the journeyman's rank, and nothing else does. If it were an 'honorary' degree, it would be conferred by brevet, without previous service or accomplishment. I recommend that the ritual be changed so as to designate the degree of a Mark Master as an 'honorable' instead of an 'honorary' degree."

Oh! don't call it "honorable." MACKEY says, "The Mark Master's degree in the American system is called the 'Honorary degree of Mark Master,' because it is traditionally supposed to have been conferred in the Temple upon a portion of the Fellow Crafts as a mark of honor and of trust." It isn't the degree that is honorable, but the giving of it that confers an honor, and the recipient receives an honorary degree, because it is conferred as an honorarium or reward.

The financial statement shows a balance of \$8,715.32, with total assets of \$30,715.32; that is, they have, in addition to the cash, bonds of a face value of \$22,000.00.

There were no grievances.

The Committee on Homes reports:

"Your Committee made a thorough investigation of this Home and has not a single criticism to make as to its management by our worthy Superintendent and his amiable wife. The Home is well lighted, heated and ventilated and kept scrupulously clean. The children have an abundance of wholesome food, clean, comfortable, individual beds, warm, neat clothing; the latter being made in the Home, except the boys' best suits.

"They have the best medical attention Louisville affords. Competent teachers for their education. In fact, our children are as well cared for



and as carefully looked after as any children in Kentucky, no matter what their station in life may be, except perhaps some luxuries and indulgences that are detrimental to the health of any child.

“They are being brought up and educated by precept and example in a way to make of them self-respecting and self-supporting, God-fearing, manly men and wifely women.

“It would take quite a volume to sufficiently praise our worthy Superintendent and his lovable wife; another for his valuable corps of teachers and assistants, who are devoting their time and talents to instructing our children.

“The girls are taught to perform household duties, cutting, making and mending clothing, the care of the younger children, as well as the usual branches of education.

“The boys are taught useful trades in the printing office, woodwork department and the shoe shop. All the shoes worn by the widows and children are made in the Home. Much of the furniture used in the Home is made and repaired by the boys in the wood-working department. They also make all kinds of Lodge and Chapter furniture, gavels, ballot boxes, etc., and any Lodge or Chapter in need of such would do well to investigate these before purchasing elsewhere, thereby helping the Home as well as saving money for their Lodges.”

They have a graceful custom in Kentucky of addressing and welcoming the Grand Representatives, as witness the following:

“Permit me, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, to express my appreciation of the splendid representation here present of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, with whom we are in fraternal accord.

“It is a singular pleasure to welcome, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. He is an honored member of the subordinate Chapter to which I belong, and since I took the Entered Apprentice degree, he has been my Masonic guide and monitor, as well as my true friend.

“I trust that you, my Companions, will convey to the Grand Bodies, whose ambassadors you are, the kindly feelings which this Grand Chapter entertains for them, and the renewed assurance of our fraternal good wishes and high regard.

“Unlike those who view the Grand Representative system as a tawdry relic of pomp and feathers, I believe it to be the best possible medium for the maintenance of cordial good will and esteem between the various Grand Chapters.

“We are deeply sensible of the courtesies shown us by the Grand Chapters you represent in appointing you as their official representatives to this Grand Chapter, and in doing you honor we try to manifest our appreciation of the spirit of true fraternalism which has made possible your presence with us to-night.

“That the present harmonious relations existing between this Grand Chapter and its sister Grand Jurisdictions may ever continue unbroken is my fervent wish; and I trust you will convey that message to your Grand Chapters as the unalterable sentiment of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.”

In response to the greeting of the M. E. Grand High Priest, P. G. H. P., G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Grand Representative of New Hampshire, on behalf of the Grand Representatives, replied as follows:

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:—My Companions, the Grand Representatives of sister Grand Chapters, have honored me with a request to respond to your cordial greeting. For the first time in the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, we are the recipients of this distinguished attention, and in the name of the Grand Chapters we represent I thank you. As the representative of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire I respond with feelings of sincerest fraternalism, and in the name of the delegated authorities of the other Grand Jurisdictions represented here, I present assurances of their loyalty to Capitular Masonry and to this Grand Chapter as an integral part thereof. Kentucky has been singularly honored by the Royal Craft, and I believe the sister Grand Jurisdictions feel that they participate in that honor as members of the General Grand Body.

“Standing within the shadow of the Royal Arch and with memories attuned to the history of its keystone, we recall its past glories and look with expectant eye to the development of its future greatness. The temple of our lives should be as durable, and the light of understanding should make it imperishable. Founded on the rock of highest precepts, associated with the record of immortal achievement and clothed in the whiteness of Masonic truth, we may approach the holy of holies with unfaltering step and undaunted courage, receiving with reverence and humility the true word which shall be a guide to our footsteps and a light to our pathway.

“Strong hearts and clean lives should be the passports of every Royal Arch Mason, and as long as the endeavor of each of us is toward that glorious consummation, the harmonious relations existing between our Grand Jurisdictions will be of that high order which will not die and cannot be destroyed.



“We shall convey to our respective Grand Jurisdictions the splendid sentiments you have expressed to us and in return for them we speak the hope that you and this Grand Chapter may live long and prosper, year by year, teaching both by example and precept the wonderful lessons of Royal Arch Masonry.”

The report on the doings of Grand Chapters was partially prepared by the late Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion HARRY BAILEY, the work being finished by Companion G. ALLISON HOLLAND.

We find this note preceding the report:

“NOTE—At the 1912 Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky our well-beloved Companion and friend, Past Grand High Priest Harry Bailey, was appointed for this duty. After his tragic and untimely death, his family found among his papers reports on Montana, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland. These Reports represent the last Masonic Work of our deceased Companion, and it is proper that he be given full credit for the work so well and conscientiously performed, and they are therefore appended. We catch the inspiration of his kindly temperament in reading what he has written, and we can touch his hand, and see his always sunny smile as his words are placed before us. Memory is, indeed, our good friend, and Harry Bailey will not be forgotten.—G. ALLISON HOLLAND.”

Under Maryland, Companion BAILEY says of Companion EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, of that Jurisdiction:

“The correspondence report is the product of that master Craftsman, Edward T. Schultz, who, in his eighty-sixth year, has written it, and who has been a Chapter Mason for fifty-nine years, and this is his thirty-fifth consecutive report.

“We did not have the pleasure of his acquaintance, but from what the other reporters say, he is a good man and true and a fruitful worker with pick-axe and spade. We hope he may prepare many more reports and his life be spent for future usefulness.”

What a record!

Later on we find the following note:

“Selected through the courtesy and partiality of our M. E. Grand High Priest, John C. Worsham, to succeed our lamented Companion Bailey



in the performance of this duty, we shall enter upon the work with some misgivings of success, laboring as we do, under the appreciation of the bright minds that are performing a like duty with such marked evidence of ability in the other Grand Jurisdictions, and realizing the high character of work that has been done by our predecessors in Kentucky. If we may look with some ambition to the productions of W. W. Clarke and Harry Bailey, we will at least have their ideas as stars by which we may guide our thoughts and methods.—G. ALLISON HOLLAND.

### Under Canada, we quote:

“He did decide that a dimitted Craft Mason was eligible as a candidate for membership, but that a Brother who had lost his right hand was not. We can understand why the latter decision was made, but, to our Kentucky idea, it is difficult to understand how a demitted Craft Mason is eligible for membership. Affiliation with the Blue Lodge here is a first essential to eligibility for membership in the Chapter.”

### And this:

“It is also suggested by the Grand Z, that some day, each province in Canada will have a Grand Chapter of its own, and they are now considering the formation of a Grand Chapter in the west as well as in the east, as some of the Companions recognize by the long distance required to be traveled in attending the Annual Convocations.

“The suggestion seems to be not only good, but practicable. Why should Canada, having such an enormous area, if not so heavily populated, have only one Grand Chapter? It seems there should be a half dozen now at least, and they will find strength in numbers, as they will find enthusiasm in subordinate bodies by close proximity to the Grand Bodies.

“Canada has its troubles in the way of officers who are too lazy or indifferent to perform their duties, as well as other Grand Jurisdictions; and we have been a witness, during many years of Masonic experience and association, to some officer turning over his work to some body else or leaving it go undone.”

### And this, under Connecticut:

“The Grand High Priest decided that a Secretary elected and installed cannot resign or be removed unless charges are made and proved. Where a Secretary refuses to serve longer, the Grand High Priest should apoint a Secretary *pro tem.* to fill the vacancy until the next annual election. This decision was approved.”

Under the General Grand Chapter, we quote:

“The General Grand High Priest also reported on the constitution of the Grand Chapter of Utah, and in his report covering that, shows

“that all the States in the Union now have duly organized and constituted Grand Chapters, and that these Grand Chapters, with the exception of Virginia and Pennsylvania, are constituent members of the General Grand Chapter.

“The General Grand High Priest decided that the Philippine Islands, being territory of the United States, come strictly within the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and that any Chapter organized in those islands, under a dispensation from the Grand Chapter of Scotland or any other Jurisdiction, except that of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, is illegal and void.

“The General Grand High Priest decided that petitions for Charters for Chapters U. D. may include as petitioners, Royal Arch Masons who are not members of such Chapters U. D., but who are otherwise qualified.

“That demitted Royal Arch Masons who become demented before petitioning for affiliation in other Chapters are disqualified during the time of dementia.

“That High Priests of Chapters U. D. who permanently remove to other Jurisdictions do not thereby vacate that office so as to create a vacancy. In such cases the King performs the duties of High Priest.

“That the King of a Chartered Chapter who permanently removes to another Jurisdiction does not thereby create a vacancy which permits or requires the election of a successor during the term for which he was installed.

“That the Brother who has not received the Most Excellent Master's Degree is not eligible to be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree; but where that is done by mistake, such Brother may be healed by having conferred upon him, at the first opportunity, the Most Excellent Master's degree.

“That after one or more of the degrees of the Chapter have been conferred upon a Brother, who has been duly elected to receive all the degrees, a mere objection does not operate to prevent his advancement, but he is entitled to receive the remaining degrees, unless upon due trial he is convicted of a Masonic offense.”

Under Idaho, we find:

“It appears that in Idaho, when the High Priest, King and Scribe are all three absent, that there was no one legally qualified to preside over



the Chapter. At the 1912 Convocation the Grand High Priest recommended a change in the law which will permit the Junior Past High Priest present to open the Chapter and preside. That recommendation went to the proper committee, and the Grand Chapter, on the approval of the committee, sustained the recommendation, and now the Junior Past High Priest present may open a Chapter and preside in Idaho, as is done in Kentucky."

Under Kansas, we clip a part of the report on necrology, with Companion HOLLAND's comment:

" 'We need death to complete all things mortal; without death, to live would not be life, but an endless, purposeless, listless existence, with no ambition for to-day or hope for to-morrow. It comes as a crown to life, after our battles have been won and lost; it comes when spring's sunshine is kissing life and bloom into all nature; it comes in autumn's festival of peace and plenty, and winter's cold embrace; it comes when childhood is wandering in its mimic world of joy and sorrow; it comes while youth is following its phantoms to a fuller and stronger manhood; it comes when love is weaving its golden cords of hope and promise; it comes to the hearth-stone just when it is most complete, and the laughter of childhood mingles with the song of love and happiness. It stills the laughter of the child; it pierces the heart of the father whose life companion has answered the invader's summons; it sets its grim visage beside the widow and her fatherless child, and then mocks at the cry of her anguish.'

"And yet, people will read the above and believe that all those things are done by the will of God. They still believe that with the thirty-first verse of the first chapter of Genesis rising constantly before them: 'And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good; and the evening and the morning were the sixth day.'

"Masons, above all people, should learn to know that God made nothing that was not good. We all know that death is not good. We all know that none of the things set out in the quotation from that Committee are good; and yet, we go on, laying all our faults and frailties and errors upon God. Some day, perhaps, we will take some responsibilities upon ourselves."

Good stuff, Companion HOLLAND. Go to it! Why, even death itself may be an unmixed good; then let us not rail at our Creator "who doeth all things well."



## We approve this under Massachusetts:

“The Grand High Priest is very much exercised over the fact that the Past Degree had been conferred in a large Chapter near Boston in a manner not becoming the dignity of the rite and in violation of the laws of the Grand Chapter. He read the Companions a lecture they will not forget very soon. The taking away from the dignity of Masonry as well as from its solemnity and introducing anything ridiculous or liable to create a spirit of levity, is not in accordance with our ideas of decorum and is not according to the landmarks.”

## And then, under Minnesota:

“ ‘A member of the Chapter whose dues were paid to date, made a written request for a demit, and, there being no objection, the High Priest ordered the demit granted. After the demit had been issued, but before it was mailed to him, a member of the Chapter made oral objection to the Secretary to the sending of the demit. The Secretary held the demit until the next regular Convocation of the Chapter, when the same member made oral objection to the delivery of said demit upon the ground that the member demitting was owing him a considerable sum of money, and was attempting to defraud him out of the same, and that he was also owing other members. Thereupon a motion was made to the effect that said member applying for a demit be notified that his demit would not be granted to him until he made a settlement with the members of the Chapter to whom he was indebted and whom he was trying to defraud by not paying honest obligations. Thereupon the High Priest ordered that the demit be not delivered until said member had made a settlement with the members to whom he was indebted.’

“Then the question was asked, whether or not the High Priest of the Chapter had acted properly in taking up the demit or whether he ought to have preferred charges against the applicant for the demit, and we give in full the decision of the Grand High Priest on this matter, because it is so full of good sense, that every Mason in the land ought to see it.

“The frequent effort to make the Masonic Organization a collecting agency on the statement from somebody that a Brother or Companion owes him a certain sum of money and has not paid it, is calculated to bring the Order into disrepute rather than to strengthen it. Any Mason who can pay his debts, and will not, is guilty of un-Masonic conduct, whether he owes those debts to Masons or other people. The Grand High Priest decided in the following language:

“ ‘The Companion being clear on the books and no charges pending against him, he was entitled to a demit. Furthermore, the moment the

Ex. High Priest ordered the demit granted, the member stood demitted, the certificate of the Secretary being only the written evidence of such action. See Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1876, page 9. The action of the High Priest and Secretary in the matter since the Convocation at which the demit was ordered by the High Priest, was unlawful and of no effect, the Companion being entitled to his certificate. Furthermore, the Chapter is not, nor should the attempt be made to make it, a collection agency. Any Companion, whether demitted or not, is liable for un-Masonic conduct, if it be proven against him, but such charges must be preferred in writing and in a regular and lawful manner.' ''

*Re* physical perfection, note the following under Nova Scotia:

“Only one decision was made by the Grand High Priest and that was to decide that a candidate for the Chapter degrees whose left leg was stiff or without motion at the knee, caused by an accident when a boy, could not be given those degrees. He suggests that such a candidate could not receive the Blue Lodge degrees in the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia. We wonder how a candidate could receive the Blue Lodge degrees, under such conditions, anywhere.”

Companion HOLLAND closes as follows:

“And so closes the review. The work which at first seemed to be interminable developed into a real pleasure and manifestation of strong Masonic interest. Every record received has been given attention, and all have proved that Masonry is progressing throughout the world and that its benign influence is all for good. Light is destroying darkness everywhere, and the perceptive intelligence of the Craft is working constantly in the receptive minds of those able to understand. It speaks for a higher moral tone, a loftier courage and the general uplifting of the human family. The larger the growth of Masonic doctrines, the nearer all mankind will ‘learn the luxury of doing good.’ ”

WM. CARSON BLACK, M. E. Grand High Priest.

HOWARD R. FRENCH, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.



## LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana convened, at New Orleans, Tuesday, February 11, 1913, at 12 o'clock M.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion H. F. RUGAN, delivered the annual address. In opening he takes occasion to say:

“It is our high privilege as exemplars of the great principles set forth in Capitular Masonry to leave an imprint for good upon the civilization of which we are a part.

“Masonry has always contributed to the upbuilding and advancement of civilization. ‘Our Order has always stood like a pillar of strength for peace and unity of love among all the peoples of the earth.’

“To-day the constant strife, always in evidence, calls upon us to put forth our utmost endeavors to correct these evils and promote righteousness. The great lessons of Capitular Masonry, always calling upon us to perform ‘Good work, true work and square work,’ places upon us an obligation that should impel us to carefully investigate the influences that have brought so much of discontent and strife in this fair land of ours.

“May we not, by fulfilling the lessons taught in the Capitular degrees, contribute largely by precept and example towards the equitable adjustment of the apparent injustices upon every hand and thereby endeavor to promote brotherly love throughout the land?”

The following query and decision is of interest:

“‘Can a Master Mason who was raised about six or eight months ago be considered as having made suitable proficiency if he has not learned the required lecture of the Master’s degree? Is such an one eligible for the degree of Mark Master?’

“My ruling upon this matter was as follows:

“Royal Arch Masonry has no jurisdiction in determining the qualifications of a member of a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Master Masons. The edict promulgated by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana makes it obligatory upon the candidate for the Master’s degree to become proficient in the work and lecture of that degree before he is considered a fully qualified Master Mason. This being the case, a regularly raised Master Mason cannot be considered as having made suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees until he has fully satisfied the demands made



upon him by the Grand Lodge *having Jurisdiction over him* at the time he was made a Master Mason."

The M. E. Grand Treasurer reports cash and securities in the sum of \$7,643.58; therefore, Louisiana is on Easy street.

The M. E. Grand Secretary reports a total membership of 3,386.

We note that

"The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. E. Companion Herman C. Duncan, stated the report was not completed and asked for further time, which was granted."

And no report appears in the proceedings.

WILL MOSS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

RICHARD LAMBERT, P. G. H. P., M. E. Grand Secretary.

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## MAINE.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine was held in Portland, Tuesday evening, May 6, 1913, at 7 o'clock P.M.

All the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, Representatives from fifty-five out of sixty-two Chartered Chapters, and the Representatives of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions were present. Pennsylvania was not among those represented.

M. E. Companion CHARLES B. DAVIS delivered the annual address, wherein he gave a brief but concise

review of the work of the past year. Under condition of the Craft, he says:

“I believe I am safe in saying that the Royal Craft in Maine was never in a more prosperous and harmonious condition than it is to-day. During the year closing to-night, we have passed the ten thousand mark in membership, having exalted 521 candidates, with a grand total of 10,151 members—a net gain of 234.”

One new Chapter was constituted, to be known as Daniel Randall Chapter, No. 65, located at Island Falls. The Grand High Priest refers the dispensation of Mount Mansel Chapter at West Harbor to the Grand Chapter as well as a petition for a Dispensation for a new Chapter at Waldsboro. The Grand Chapter continued the Dispensation to Mount Mansel Chapter for a year, and appointed a Special Committee to investigate the petition for a new Chapter at Waldsboro and report next year.

One decision is reported, viz., that a member of an English Lodge of Mark Master Masons having resided for one year in Maine has a right to apply for the remaining degrees of the Chapter, filing his dimit from the English Lodge with the application.

Eight dispensations to hold meetings at times other than those provided in the By-laws were granted. One Dispensation to reballet on a rejected candidate inside of six months was granted, it being shown that there was an unintentional error in the ballot. A Dispensation to receive and ballot on a petition and confer the degrees at the same meeting because the applicant was about to go abroad was refused because

“the candidate would under such conditions receive so little idea of Capitular Masonry as to be of scarcely any use to him.”

One School of Instruction was held during the year, which was reported as very successful.

Ten Official Visitations are reported, and much praise is given to the work and hospitality of the Chapters visited.

Full reports are printed from the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe and four District Deputy Grand High Priests, who had made visitations and inspections of the various Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter of Western Australia was recognized and an exchange of representatives authorized.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion WILLIAM D. PATTERSON, this being his first. In it he has reviewed sixty Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed and a liberal quotation from Companion BATES' introduction to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Companion FRANK J. COLE, of Bangor, Grand High Priest.

Companion STEPHEN BERRY, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.



## MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation for the One hundred and sixteenth year of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Baltimore, Thursday, November 20, 1913, at 7 o'clock P.M.

The Grand Chapter was opened in full and ample form; all the Grand Officers were present, twenty-four subordinate Chapters, and ten Past Grand High Priests. The roll of Representatives of other Grand Chapters was called, and Pennsylvania was among those represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in the opening of his address says:

“My official acts were few and my duties merely routine. Like every regulated corporation, the business of the Grand Chapter and of the Subordinate Chapters is conducted in a manner that requires no special attention of the Grand High Priest.”

Further along he says:

“No questions requiring official decision were submitted to me.”

Three Dispensations were granted; two of them to hold special elections of officers and one to receive and ballot on one petition the same night. Nine Visitations were made during the year.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland during the past year has suffered a great loss in the death of Companion EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter and also of the Grand Lodge. Companion SCHULTZ was

the oldest of the correspondents not only in years, but in point of actual service. He had been the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Maryland since 1876 and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Maryland since 1887. He was the author of the "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," published in 1888, and was one of the ripest Masonic scholars of this age. In closing his report on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Chapter for 1912, he said:

"If this be my final conclusion, may it also be my benediction to my Brethren and Companions of the Corps, my good friends in and out of the Fraternity, and to all good Masons wherever dispersed."

Our venerable Companion has gone on before, and we have no doubt that the Master has given him "a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

The Grand Lecturer reports twenty-nine Visitations to nineteen different Chapters, whose officers are working earnestly and conscientiously toward their own improvement.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows balance on hand, 1912, \$7,193.13; receipts, \$3,676.87, total, \$10,870. Expenditures, \$2,947.10; balance on hand, \$7,922.90.

There were 279 exalted during the year, making a net gain of 165; the present membership is 3,857.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Rev. HENRY BRANCH. In

his introduction he pays a loving tribute to Companion SCHULTZ, who for so many years had written the reports. He also says:

“Capitular Masonry never seemed so interesting and essential to the integrity and perfection of Masonic character as it now appears.”

To all of which we add a hearty Amen.

Pennsylvania is fraternally noticed and the report of the Committee on the Past Masters' degree reported in full.

M. E. Companion EUGENE HAMMOND, Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN H. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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## MICHIGAN.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was held in the city of Saginaw, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 24 and 25, 1913.

All the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from one hundred and forty-six Subordinate Chapters were present.

The proceedings form a handsome volume, embellished with a portrait of Companion JAMES J. THOMPSON, M. E. Grand High Priest, 1912, as a frontispiece. It also contains a double-page picture of the members of the Grand Chapter and a portrait



of M. E. Companion WM. S. TURICK, P. G. H. P., who died during the year.

Grand High Priest THOMPSON'S annual address is a clear, concise statement of the work of the Grand Chapter for the year, and contains many valuable observations on, and good advice to the Companions of that Jurisdiction. Among other things, the Grand High Priest says:

“To maintain its present standing, to secure its vigorous existence and extend its benefits, much depends on the vigilance with which we watch over its concerns, and the means employed to preserve its Ancient Landmarks from innovation and its principles from corruption. . . . To hold fast to the Ancient Landmarks in this day of change and innovation is a man's job.”

In speaking of the request of a Chapter to be supplied with three copies of the Ritual instead of two as now, he says:

“It so happened that it was several years after I took my Blue Lodge and Chapter work that it came to my knowledge that such a thing as a Ritual was in existence, and it was a revelation to me that the secrets of Freemasonry were not safely deposited in the repository of faithful breasts. The fewer Rituals the better. Make the requirements for initiation more rigid and the examination in the various degrees more exacting, so that no Companion may become a Royal Arch Mason without a thorough knowledge of the work which he has received.”

To which we wish to add a real old-fashioned Methodist “Amen.”

A loving tribute is paid to the memory of P. G. H. P. WILLIAM S. TURICK, who passed away September 19, 1912. The Grand High Priest also calls attention to the Grand Chapter to the honor that has come to it through the election of its Grand Secre-

tary, Companion CHAS. A. CONOVER, as General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

If we may judge from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan which have come before us, the General Grand Chapter served itself well in the election of Companion CONOVER. He is certainly on to his job.

A number of Dispensations to hold election of officers and install them at times other than those provided in the by-laws were granted.

One decision is reported, to wit: That a M. M. who has lost his right hand cannot receive the degrees in the Chapter. This decision does not seem to have been upheld by the Jurisprudence Committee. This of course brings up the question of physical perfection upon which we cannot agree. It seems that in 1911 the Grand Chapter of Michigan struck out of their Constitution the following provision: "No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Mason who has not the requisite physical qualifications which will enable him to comply with all the ceremonies of the Order." If we remember correctly, we paid our respects to the action of the Grand Chapter at that time. We would just like to know how much of a man would have to be left out of which Michigan would make a Royal Arch Mason.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows cash on hand at the beginning of the year, \$13,645.01; received dur-



ing the year, \$11,042.61; total, \$24,687.62; paid out, \$9,041.25; balance, \$15,646.36.

The Grand Secretary's report is a model. We regret we cannot lay it before our Companions in full. It shows the number of Chapters 151, having a total membership of 23,166, being a net gain during the year of 980 members; there were exalted during the year 1525. The average membership in each Chapter is 148.7; the largest Chapter has 1268 members.

The Grand Lecturer's report is replete with observations and suggestions. One thing which appealed to us very much was that in his reports of Visitations he "saw the work done by the officers of the Chapter"; in only one instance does he report taking part, and then only by special request, when the son of a former Grand Lecturer was being exalted; he took the place of the Principal Sojourner. He notes that after the work one of the Companions, the Deputy Grand High Priest, remarked that so far as he could observe he did the work fairly well.

An Amendment to the Constitution, reducing the Grand Chapter dues from 40 cents to 35 cents, was adopted. The Constitution was further amended by changing the time of meeting from the fourth Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday of May in each year.

A Dispensation was granted for a new Chapter at Imlay City.

"The Annual Review of Capitular Masonry or Digest from the printed proceedings of other Juris-



dictions'' is the work of Grand Secretary, Companion CHAS. A. CONOVER, and of course is well done. He does not deserve any special credit for this, however, because he don't know any other way to do it. He says, "Here beginneth the first verse of the eleventh chapter of the 'Compiled Reviews of Capitular Masonry,' " and he further says he really believes some people read them.

Pennsylvania is accorded three of the two hundred and three pages and is very kindly treated. A liberal quotation is made from our review of Michigan.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. KINGSLEY, of Manchester, Grand High Priest.

Companion CHAS. A. CONOVER, of Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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## MINNESOTA.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota was held in St. Paul, October 14, 1912.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* with 13 Grand Officers, 20 permanent members and one hundred and twelve Representatives present; sixty-four out of the seventy-four Subordinate Chapters were represented, thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions were represented, but Pennsylvania was not one of them. The Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were all called to the altar and welcomed by

the Grand High Priest, who requested them to convey to the Grand Chapters which they represented the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

The Grand High Priest's address deals entirely with routine matters. Five decisions are reported, four of them being refusals to grant Dispensations to hurry candidates through. Three new Chapters were constituted and a Dispensation granted for a new Chapter. The Charter of one Chapter was taken up. Seven Dispensations to hold elections at times other than those prescribed in the By-Laws were granted.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand last year of \$6956.24; collections during the year, \$5390.49; disbursements, \$5927.87; balance on hand, \$6418.86.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 559 exalted during the year and 80 affiliated and restored; losses by death, withdrawal and suspensions, 354; net gain, 285; total membership, 8823.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Irving Todd. In fifty-seven pages he succinctly reviews fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania for 1912 is accorded fraternal notice.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. HANKINS, Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at Gulfport, on Thursday, February 20, 1913. Pennsylvania not being represented.

Immediately after the opening of the Grand Chapter, Grand High Priest HARRY T. HOWARD read his annual address. He reviewed the work of the year, reporting the granting of three Dispensations, two of which were to receive and ballot on candidates and one to hold a stated Convocation on another date than July 4. He also indirectly reports the marriage of the Grand Secretary, FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, which event occurred August 28, 1912. Pennsylvania extends congratulations to the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter having adopted a resolution providing for the arrest of the Charters of all Chapters failing to hold as many as four stated Convocations in twelve months, and such as failed to provide themselves with suitable places of meeting in six months; the Grand High Priest reports the calling in of one Charter, and specifically asks the Grand Chapter to make a definite disposition of fourteen Chapters, saying:

“If it is necessary to call in the Charters of these Chapters, let us do so at once, and not through sympathy allow them to drag along year after year as they have been doing.”

An examination of the returns shows thirteen Chapters which did no work during the year.



In concluding, the Grand High Priest deploras the lack of Masonic knowledge in the Chapters. Speaking of Schools of Instruction, he says:

“We have, as you know, tried this last road to Masonic knowledge, and Companion Whittaker (Grand Lecturer) pronounced the undertaking a dismal failure, so I canceled the later ones to save useless expense.”

“The other experiment of District Lecturers hangs fire to some extent, owing to the fact that the laborers are few and far between. Why not cut loose from our troubles by doing now, what we will be compelled to do in the near future, that is, compel the High Priest, King, Scribe and Captain of the Host to learn the work as they have it in the Ritual issued them by the General Grand Chapter before they shall be allowed to be installed into their respective offices.”

In looking over the returns of the Subordinate Chapters which are printed in full in the report, we were struck with the small number of Past High Priests in the different Chapters. In some Chapters there do not appear to be any Past High Priests; in others only one or two. We also notice that in quite a number of Chapters the High Priest is also a P. H. P. We doubt very much the wisdom of electing year after year the same Companion High Priest of his Chapter. In time this will more surely kill the Chapter than any other course. We have seen it tried.

The Grand Lecturer's report covers eleven pages. It is full of information which ought to be of the greatest interest and benefit to the Companions of Mississippi. However, we cannot refrain from repeating our observation of last year, that the Grand Lecturer does too much of the work. His usual report is, “Visited and lectured to Chapter No. —, exalted a class of them.” Now, would it not be bet-

ter to report, "Visited and lectured at Chapter No. — and witnessed the exaltation of a class of the Officers of the Chapter?"

We note in the Finance Committee's report that they have substituted a tax of twenty-five cents on each member for the maintenance fund of the Masonic Home, and that voluntary donations taken up by the Grand Lecturer on his visits to subordinate Chapters be discontinued. This is very wise and ought to work out well.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion P. G. H. P. OLIVER LEE MCKAY, and fills one hundred pages, wherein he reviews fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is accorded two pages of fraternal notice. Liberal quotations are made from Companion MEREDITH'S introduction and Companion BATES' conclusion.

The statistical reports show a net membership at the close of the year (February 1, 1913) of 4327. Exalted during the year, 365 (an average of one a day), with 77 Subordinate Chapters. The Grand Treasurer's report shows collections for the year, \$6,219.00; disbursements, \$6,252.54, and a balance on hand of \$5,114.40.

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held at Meridian, Miss., February 19, 1914.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. JOHNS, of Corinth, Miss., Grand High Priest.

E. Companion FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, of Vicksburg, Miss., Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.



## MISSOURI.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was held in Kansas City, April 22 and 23, 1913.

There were present all the Grand Officers, except the Principal Sojourner, fourteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from eighty-six out of the one hundred and five chartered Chapters.

The proceedings appear in a splendidly printed volume of 266 pages, of which the proceedings occupy 134 and the report of the Committee on Correspondence 129. The pleasant face of Companion LOUIS E. VOGELSANG, Grand High Priest 1912-1913, appears as a frontispiece.

The Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of M. E. Companion BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand High Priest of the United States of America. He made a most pleasing address to the Grand Chapter, which we very much regret every Royal Arch Mason of Pennsylvania cannot read.

Grand High Priest VOGELSANG's address is a most complete resume of the work during the year.

Dispensations were granted to five Chapters to appear publicly with the Grand Lodge of Missouri and participate in the dedicatory ceremonies of the Hospital of the Masonic Home on Tuesday, September 24, 1912; also to one Chapter to appear publicly with the Grand Lodge in laying a corner-stone of a Masonic Temple.



All applications for Dispensations to reballet or receive petitions and ballot upon petitions at the same Convocation or ballot at special meetings were refused. The Grand High Priest says:

“The Officers and members of the various Chapters seem to think the Grand High Priest can do anything; that he is infallible. My Companions, it has always been my opinion that the Grand High Priest is the executive, sometimes the judicial, but never the legislative agent of the Grand Chapter.”

Oh, for more Grand High Priests who see their duty so clearly!

From the decisions we quote:

“A member of a Chapter forfeits his privileges as a Royal Arch Mason when he remains a voluntary non-affiliate Master Mason for twelve months.”

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the work of Companion Rev. JOHN H. MILLER. In his prologue he says:

“The proceedings from the Grand Chapters of New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are so difficult to review, inasmuch as everything in these Grand Jurisdictions move with exact precision according to well-understood laws, and no mistakes are made. Even their reports on Correspondence are without spot or blemish. There is nothing for the reviewer to say regarding the work except, ‘It is well.’”

With such an introduction, how could his review of the fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions, comprising one hundred and twenty-six pages be other than perfect. We regret that we are unable to place before the thirty-three thousand Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania only a few of the many excellent things contained in this report.

Under Canada, Companion MILLER makes the following observation:

“The worst thing that can attach itself to a Grand High Priest or a Grand Any-one-else is an excess of so-called dignity. I’ve noticed that the Grand Officer who carries a great burden of dignity on account of his position generally does nothing else.”

The foregoing was called out by a criticism from Canada of a Grand High Priest acting as a Grand Lecturer. Last year the Companions of Missouri elected their Grand Lecturer Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer and, judging by results, made no mistake.

Under Mississippi, which with Michigan seems to have taken great offense at the Grand Representative system, calling it a “perfect farce, extending as it does an honorary but empty compliment,” Companion MILLER observes:

“Because the system is left to become a farce is no reason why it should utterly be condemned and the cry raised for its discontinuance. It could be made a most useful source of information to every Grand Chapter.”

The financial report shows a healthy balance of \$13,393.66 in the treasury. It also shows an appropriation of \$5000.00 to the Masonic Home and \$500.00 to the flood sufferers. There was also contributed by Subordinate Chapters \$865.00 toward the flood relief fund.

The Committee on Returns of Chartered Chapters report:

“We find that eighty-eight Chapters exalted 1,028—102 more than for the year 1911—making the membership of this Grand Chapter, December 31, 1912, 13,658—showing a net gain for the year of 575.”

Eighteen Chapters had no exaltations during the year. Total number of Chapters, 105.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. JOHNSON, of Boonville, Grand High Priest.

Companion ROBERT F. STEVENSON, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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### MONTANA.

The proceedings of the Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Montana, which was held in the city of Butte, Tuesday, September 17, 1912, come to us in a neat pamphlet of eighty-eight pages, ornamented with a splendid picture of M. E. Companion HARRY M. ALLEN, Grand High Priest 1911-1912, as well as a biographical sketch of his life.

At the opening of the Grand Chapter all the Grand Officers were present and the Representatives of eighteen out of nineteen Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest reports the constituting of two new Chapters (Nos. 19 and 20) during his term. He reports no decisions were made during his term, all questions asked being fully covered by the provisions of the law.

The Grand High Priest reports that he personally visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction during his term, and gives a detailed report thereof, after which he says:



“The great need of the less prosperous Chapters is a faithful supervision and more frequent visits from the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Chapter. There seems to be some truth in the fact that the increased number of social and fraternal organizations of recent years has become such a burden that few men attempt to take an active interest in many of the organizations which claim their allegiance; as a result of this condition, the Chapter seems to suffer more than the Lodge, and we frequently find the Companion who contents himself with having taken the several degrees and paying his dues, but does not attempt to attend regularly or take any active interest in the work of the Chapter.”

On the collection of dues, he says:

“I have heard of a Chapter in a sister Jurisdiction that pursued the following method for the collection of its dues: When a Companion is in arrears and after being notified by the Secretary, if the dues are not forthcoming, the Secretary makes a sight draft on the delinquent Companion for the amount of his dues. In nearly every case the dues were paid; but should the draft be returned, it is taken as conclusive evidence that the dues will not be paid, and the usual suspension for non-payment follows.”

In looking over the Grand Secretary's report, we were struck with one thing. There was but one suspension in the whole Jurisdiction during the year for non-payment of dues. They evidently don't need the sight-draft system out in Montana.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported their approval of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest on proficiency before advancement, and recommended an Amendment to the Constitution whereby all candidates for advancement must stand an examination in open Chapter in the word signs and grips; which recommendation was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

A detailed report containing the names of all the members of Subordinate Chapters is printed. There

is no report from the Committee on Correspondence. The Chairman of the Committee, Companion CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., saying:

“Owing to the death of our beloved mother and the depressed state of mind following that event, coupled with an ever-oncoming tide of Grand Secretarial duties, the report on Correspondence will be omitted this year.”

Pennsylvania extends her sympathy to Companion HEDGES in his bereavement.

The statistical tables show a net membership of 1942; exalted during the year, 165; admitted, 29; number of Chapters, 20.

Companion E. E. SWANEY, of Warland, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., Helena, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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## NEBRASKA.

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nebraska was held in the city of Omaha, Wednesday, December 10, 1913. All the Grand officers except the Grand Scribe were present and fourteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from forty of the fifty-five Subordinate Chapters. Pennsylvania's Representative was also present.



M. E. Companion BENJAMIN F. PITMAN, Grand High Priest, presented to the Grand Chapter a most able address, in which he reviewed the work of the past year and made a number of valuable suggestions. There is that note of regret in his address which almost always characterizes the faithful worker. He says:

“Would it not be well to pause at the commencement of a new year and, instead of building bright promises for the future, look back over the past and consider those things which should have been done, the omission of which is known only to our individual selves. . . . We realize that regrets are vain; that lost opportunities are gone forever; but we know that if we highly resolve and remember, failure and bitter self-reproach can be avoided. That which has been done is a matter of record; . . . it is a matter of history. The returns are all in and the books are closed, the balance sheet is made up, and we may well congratulate ourselves upon the result. But as we stop and think, we wonder, if during the rush of work, 'mid the hurry of business, there are not many things we have left undone. The year has passed away, carrying with it the fruition of many fond hopes, the disappointments of unaccomplished desires and the unfulfilled measure of many ambitious projects. Right now on the threshold of a new Capitular year is a proper time for self-examination.”

The Grand High Priest during the year visited sixteen Subordinate Chapters, and reports that conditions in a number of Chapters are excellent, in a small percentage only fair and in none wholly bad.

A number of Dispensations to hold election of officers were granted and one for good reasons, which he sets forth fully to receive and ballot on a petition the same night. He added that personally he was opposed to railroading petitions through.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a net balance of \$8,371.90 in his hands.



The Grand Secretary's report shows two hundred and sixty exalted during the year, with a net gain of one hundred and twenty, and a total membership of four thousand seven hundred and seventy.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion CHARLES J. PHELPS. Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. He has also added a valuable table to his report, showing the number of Subordinate Chapters, number of members, number exalted, affiliated, reinstated, suspended, died and net gain in each of the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed.

M. E. Companion JAMES TYLER, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was held at West Saint John, August 28, 1912.

Besides the Grand Officers, there were Representatives from nine Subordinate Chapters and fifteen Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania not being represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion W. LEONARD ELLIS, delivered the annual address. The opening part of his address is as follows:

“Twenty-five years is but a short period in the life history of institutions such as ours, but it has wrought many changes in our organization. Our general growth during this period has been gradual, but our foundations have been well laid, and now, at the portals of a new quarter-century, with the prospects of greater general growth and development throughout our Province, we cannot but feel that we must plan for the greater success and the grander achievements of the purposes for which we exist during the next twenty-five years. Members of this Grand Chapter who were active at its organization are present to-day, and they have followed with zeal and endeavor the efforts which make for our success. Others have been relieved from their earthly cares, but their devotion to Capitular Masonry is written large upon the pages of our history.”

He reports an application of one of the Chapters for permission to receive petition at an Emergent Convocation, to which he replied that the course as prescribed by the Constitution of Grand Chapter must be followed. But one Official Visitation is reported.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 56 exalted; joined, 1; total, 57; withdrawn, suspended and died, 21; net increase for the year, 36. The total enrolled membership is 821.

The Grand Treasurer reports balance for the year \$367.46; expenditures, \$141.80, and balance on hand at the beginning of the year, \$1344.06; leaving a net balance of \$1569.72.

The following resolution was agreed to: “*Resolved*, That the Ritual Committee be requested to frame a ceremony of installation for use in the Grand Chapter.”

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held at the same time and two were elected

and four were duly anointed and consecrated as High Priests. There is no Committee on Correspondence in this Grand Chapter, consequently no report.

M. E. Companion ROBERT MURRAY, Grand High Priest.

Companion J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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### NEW JERSEY.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey was held in the Tabernacle of Three-Times-Three Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., Trenton, May 14, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form* at ten o'clock A.M., the Grand Chaplain conducting devotional services.

All the Grand Officers were present and there was a very good attendance of Past Grand Officers. Thirty-two of the thirty-nine Chapters were represented.

In his address, the Grand High Priest pays tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest LEVI GILBERT BLISS and Reverend GEORGE COX MADDOCK, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter. GEORGE COX MADDOCK was brought to light in Integrity Lodge No. 187, F. and A. M., of Pennsylvania, from which Lodge he never demitted. He was exalted to



the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in Columbia Chapter, No. 91, R. A. M., in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1885 and demitted in 1876.

The Proceedings contain excellent portraits of Grand High Priest LORENZO D. SANBORN, Past Grand High Priest LEVI G. BLISS and Reverend GEORGE C. MADDOCK.

Under the caption Interstate Courtesies, the Grand High Priest writes:

“On September 5, 1912, I accepted an invitation to attend the quarterly Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, on which occasion I was accompanied by Most Excellent Companion Henry S. Haines, P. G. H. P., and Excellent Companion Lorenzo D. Sanborn, D. G. H. P. We were welcomed officially and were most delightfully entertained, and I here wish to gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies shown our representatives by the Grand High Priest, A. G. Criswell Smith, and by all the Companions of our neighboring Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania on that occasion.”

During the year the Grand High Priest and some of his Grand Officers visited three New York Chapters and one in Rhode Island; he also paid eleven official visits to New Jersey Chapters.

The following, taken from the Grand High Priest's address, is of interest:

“On September 13, 1912, I received information from the Secretary of Baldwin Chapter, No. 17, Newton, N. J., that the Chapter at that time was placed in a very peculiar position; the High Priest having moved from Newton to Plainfield; the Excellent King being absent on an extended vacation, and the Excellent Scribe seriously ill. It was requested that I empower one of the Past High Priests to take charge of the Chapter, inasmuch as they had work in sight and candidates anxious to be advanced, and that they were unable to hold any Convocations. Accordingly, after an investigation of the facts, I issued the following authority on September 20, 1912:

“ ‘I hereby delegate and authorize M. E. Companion Ora C. Simpson, Past High Priest of said Chapter, to assume the office, duties and prerogatives of High Priest of Baldwin Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., until such time as one or more of the regular officers shall be present with the Warrant and assume the duties of his office, when this authority shall cease, and in no case shall this authority be extended beyond the date of the Annual Convocation of Baldwin Chapter.’ ”

Among the distinguished visitors present at the Fifty-seventh Convocation were M. E. GEORGE B. WELLS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, who was accompanied by M. E. SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Grand Scribe; STOCKTON BATES, Acting Grand Secretary; S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Grand Captain of the Host; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand Marshal, and M. E. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Past Grand High Priest.

They were received by Grand High Priest REGER thus:

“M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST WELLS:—In welcoming you to-day to this Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, I feel that by your coming we are highly honored, for we have with us the representatives of the two largest Grand Jurisdictions of Royal Arch Masons in this country if not in the world.

“I extend to you the most hearty greetings of the Companions of New Jersey and I hope that your visit to us will be a most pleasant one.

“I recall a most delightful visit to your Quarterly Convocation in Philadelphia in September last, and I trust that we may in some measure reciprocate the many courtesies shown us at that time.

“We are indeed glad to see you, and I will ask you to accept the escort of M. E. Companion Haines to the Grand Council.”

The financial showing, as set forth in the report of the Grand Treasurer, is highly gratifying.

The membership at the time of this report is 6,986, a gain of 268.

During the year a Warrant for a new Chapter at Rutherford, Bergen County, to be known and hailed as Lebanon Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M. of New Jersey, was granted.

ABRAM A. REGER, Grand High Priest.

PETER MCGILL, Grand Secretary.

The following Grand Officers were elected and installed:

LORENZO D. SANBORN, No. 9.....*Grand High Priest.*  
ROBERT A. MEEKER, No. 24.....*Deputy Grand High Priest.*  
FREDERICK J. MELVIN, No. 39.....*Grand King.*  
FRED T. CRANE, No. 23.....*Grand Scribe.*  
EDWARD MILLS, No. 19.....*Grand Treasurer.*  
PETER MCGILL, No. 13.....*Grand Secretary.*  
WILLIAM HERBERT LOWE, No. 33.....*Grand Captain of Host.*  
ANDREW N. MCKINNON, No. 7.....*Grand Principal Sojourner.*  
LOUIS A. MENEGAUX, No. 32.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*  
DANIEL L. CAMPBELL, No. 33.....  
NELSON Y. DUNGAN, No. 25..... *Grand Trustees.*  
JOSEPH MASON, No. 33.....

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey will be held in the city of Trenton on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday of May, it being the 13th day of May, 1914, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M.

LORENZO D. SANBORN, Grand High Priest.

PETER MCGILL, Grand Secretary.

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## NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in the Masonic Temple, on the northwest corner of Maiden Lane and Lodge Street, in the city of Albany, commencing on Tuesday, February 4, Anno Inventionis, 2443, Anno Domini, 1913, at ten o'clock A.M.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, delivered his annual address. Among his opening words, he says:

“In bidding you welcome to the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, it is with a feeling of pride and satisfaction that throughout our jurisdiction the utmost peace and harmony prevail and not a ripple of discord has manifested itself anywhere to mar the progress and prosperity of the Royal Craft.”

And a little further on he says:

“It is a pleasure to report that all Chapters of this Jurisdiction are active and striving earnestly for the uplift of the Order. Our membership has steadily increased and the growth has been healthy. I believe that everywhere in the State greater interest is being manifested in Royal Arch Masonry than ever before. It is in this atmosphere of peace, prosperity and progress, that I bid you a most cordial welcome to the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.”

New York was called upon to mourn the death of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM J. McDONALD, and the veteran, time-honored and much-beloved Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion CHRISTOPHER G. FOX.

Companion Fox's record is well worthy of emulation. It was in part as follows:

“He was a model Grand Master, a model Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New York and of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Here indeed his place will be filled, we trust, as well; it could not be better filled. But in the affections of his brethren and companions, in the hearts of everyone who knew him his place can never be filled. To every member of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, specially to us, his brother officers of the Grand Chapter, his death comes home as an irreparable, personal loss, and that loss is measured by what he was as a man and a Mason. In his home, in his dealings and relationships with his fellow-men, he was *always a Mason*. That means that Masonry was a reality to him, not simply a name to be called by but a life to be lived. It means that he exemplified in his conduct and character, as far as is possible for faulty human nature to do, the pure and lofty teachings of our order. He was first made a Mason in his heart; he was one of nature's noblemen, a man of the highest ideals who ever strove earnestly to live up to them. He was indeed a Mason, not only in the fundamental virtues for which our Order stands, but in the gracious and attractive qualities of charity and brotherly love. As a consequence he was always a gentleman, a gentleman of the old school. His winning courtesy, his unvarying kindness of speech and manner, his wide sympathies which went out to every member of the Craft breathed the very spirit of the quaint language of our ritual and were the flower and fruit of its teaching. His reverence for the religious side of Masonry was deep and sincere. A firm believer in the ever living and true God, he illustrated in his daily walk and conversation the teachings of the Master.”

The Grand High Priest decided that a Secretary of a Subordinate Chapter could not deposit moneys of the Chapter to his personal credit and retain the use of them for from one to seven months. His wording is as follows:

“First. ‘Positively not. The Secretary of a Chapter should turn over the funds of the Chapter to the Treasurer immediately at the close of each Convocation, or as soon thereafter as possible. It is his duty to collect the funds of the Chapter but not to retain them. If the Chapter had By-laws which permit the Secretary to retain the funds for months, I am positive they were never approved by the Grand Chapter.’ ”

“Another Companion asked: ‘Can a Chapter confer honorary membership on one of its own members?’ ”

“I replied as follows:



“ ‘I know of no provision of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter that would permit it. The fact that a man is a member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons should be honor enough and I fail to see how you could add to it by calling him an ‘honorary member.’ I hold a Chapter cannot confer honorary membership on one of its own members.’ ”

M. E. Companion HEMINGWAY concludes as follows:

“I trust that the deliberations of this Annual Convocation may be conducted in that spirit of harmony so necessary to success. Important questions will be presented for your consideration, and I am confident that they will be disposed of to the best interests of our institution. While I shall soon relinquish the authority you entrusted to me a year ago, I shall retain my interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and will ever be found endeavoring to discharge my duty to the Craft as I shall understand it.

“I doubtless have made mistakes and not measured up to the high standard expected of those who occupy the office of Grand High Priest, but my shortcomings have not been for lack of interest or desire to do right, but rather due to a want of understanding and inexperience.

“ ‘To err is human, to forgive divine.’ Companions of the Grand Chapter, I place before you the record of my stewardship, believing that you will commend those things worthy of commendation, and cover my faults and imperfections with the broad mantle of Masonic charity.

“Companions, the business of the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation is before you and I await your will and pleasure.”

The Grand Treasurer reports \$36,842.51 in the General Fund and \$73,117.61 in the Permanent Fund—a grand total of \$109,960.12.

The Grand Secretary reports as follows:

“During the past year there have been added to the Grand Chapter Register the names of 2,638 Companions reported as having been exalted, affiliated and restored in the Chapters, respectively, for the year ending with St. John the Evangelist’s Day, 1911, and the Register was amended in respect to the Companions who were reported dimitted, suspended, expelled and died during the same term, numbering 1,557.

“The number of Companions, members in good standing of this jurisdiction, on December 27, 1911, was 37,438.

“All the Chapters have made returns of their work and changes of membership for the year ending December 27, 1912, conformably to the law.

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“The following table of statistics, compiled from the Chapter Returns, is submitted for the information of the Grand Chapter:

Number exalted .....	2,303
Number affiliated .....	111
Number restored .....	162
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Total increase .....	2,576
Number dimitted .....	272
Number suspended for non-payment of dues.....	588
Number expelled .....	3
Number died .....	575
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Total decrease .....	1,438
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Net increase .....	1,138

“As compared with the report for last year, the foregoing compilation shows a decrease of 69 exaltations. Notwithstanding this apparent falling off, there was actually a larger net increase than last year, owing to the reduced number of suspensions and deaths. There is a decrease of 18 in the number affiliated, and an increase of 27 in the number restored. There was an increase of 8 dimissions, a decrease of 119 suspensions and 7 deaths.

“Adding the net gain of 1,138 for the past year to the certified number of members on December 27, 1911, viz.: 37,438, subtracting 11 lost by correction of Chapter Registers, gives 38,565 as the number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction on December 27, 1912.”

### And thus concludes:

“In conclusion, I cannot refrain from paying my feeble tribute to the splendid Mason who so long filled this office. Christopher G. Fox was known and respected by every Companion living to-day who ever attended the Grand Chapter, and it is unnecessary for me to speak of his personal character, his brilliant achievements in the work of Freemasonry, or of his world-wide reputation as a wise counselor and a model Grand Secretary. But I wish to say personally that the admiration and affection which I conceived for Companion Fox many years ago, have been greatly augmented during the past few months as I tried to carry forward the work begun by him, and have come in contact with innumerable evidences of his high devotion to duty and the conscientious care with which he discharged every trust reposed in him. His life was a benediction; may his memory ever be an inspiration to those who shall follow him.”

It takes two days to complete a meeting of the Grand Chapter of New York, and in the election of Grand Officers the Grand Chapter goes through the process of re-electing the M. E. Grand High Priest, who upon being informed of his election gracefully declines the honor in favor of his successor in line of promotion. With us in Pennsylvania the M. E. Grand High Priest, after having served the usual term of two years, declines a re-election. While this may be a saving of the time of the Grand Chapter, the honor is more tangible where an actual election evidences the choice of the members, even though it be understood that the honor will be declined.

Section 43 of the Constitution was amended requiring every Chapter to make annual returns to St. John the Evangelist's Day in each year and pay two dollars and fifty cents for each advancement and forty cents annual dues for every member.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. I. GREENWOOD, who opens as follows:

"We present herewith our Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. Believing that our duty is simply to glean from the proceedings of other Grand Chapters such matters of business and items of interest as will not only edify, but instruct our Companions, we have made such selections from the various reports of proceedings as in our judgment will accomplish, in some degree, that result."

It is therefore difficult to get from this mode of treatment any grist for the reportorial mill. All the proceedings that passed under his critical eye received the scrutiny they should and but little, if any-



thing, escaped his observation. We get an abstract, not comment.

Under Illinois, apropos of R. E. Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE's inimitable review, he says:

"It is a good mental tonic to read his comments, and they must be read to be appreciated; no extract can convey the effect that it is designed to produce, which is done, not so much by what he says, as in the way that he says it. These are the headings under each of which he gives his views in no uncertain way: 'Grand Representatives, Undesirables, Lodge Suspension, Rituals, Concurrent Jurisdiction, Testimonials, Applause, Smoke,' and whether one agrees with him or not, no offense can be taken from anything he says.

"In his conclusion he puts up New York, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania as the big four in Grand Chapter jurisdiction, standing in the above order, and he hugs himself with the hope that at the present rate of gain, Illinois will be soon at the head of the list. Well, Companion, if you get there, be assured there will be no jealousy nor hard feelings, but we will say this, when that time comes, we will know that you have done some tall climbing, and it will not be done in one year nor two."

Pennsylvania is fully reviewed or rather reported, and he says of our Correspondence Report:

"The Correspondence Report was, as usual, divided among the five members of the Committee, New York falling into the hands of George Park Singer (although it is not so designated in the table of division). He quotes from the speeches made by the various visitors and by the officers of the New York Grand Chapter. A delegation from the Pennsylvania Grand Chapter had visited the New York Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation, and had been initiated into the New York way of entertaining guests, and they say it was good."

And he quotes from Senator MEREDITH's opening *in extenso*.

We find that we have marked nothing further for extract or comment, and therefore relegate our scissors and paste-pot to *innocuous desuetude*.

We, however, quote his conclusion entire, because of its optimistic spirit:



“We have gone over all of the proceedings that have come to us in time for our annual report and you have it before you. It has been to us a pleasure, and we trust it will be to you a benefit.

“Since we began writing these annual reports, many of those in the same position in other Grand Chapters have passed through the veils into the upper sanctuary, and these frequent occurrences impress upon us the fact that in a very few years we also will drop out of this work, and we cannot help wondering if any of the light that we have tried to give to others will shine on, and for them after our departure.

“The one event that impressed that thought most deeply was the death of our Companion Christopher G. Fox. When the writer of this stood up in the last session of the Grand Chapter of New York, and installed him into the office of Grand Secretary for the forty-sixth year, and called to his mind that more than forty years before he had been a member of the Grand Lodge of New York, and there voted for Christopher G. Fox for Grand Master, it told of the flight of time and the rapidity with which the years pass by, and called to mind the lesson of the Hourglass in the Third Degree; but we are not of those who are always looking backward with regret, but rather looking forward with bright anticipations of a glorious future.

“As we survey the field of Royal Arch Masonry, we see nothing but peace and prosperity, and nothing need to cause any feeling of uneasiness or fear for the future of the Craft, and the only care should be, to see to it that the beginners are thoroughly taught the principles intended to be inculcated by the degrees of the Chapter, and thus will be accomplished, the result for which we are all striving.”

FREDERICK W. CULLER, M. E. Grand High Priest.

CHARLES C. HUNT, M. E. Grand Secretary.

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## NORTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota convened in the Masonic Temple, at Bismarck, on Thursday morning, June 26, at 9.30 A.M. This was the Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation, and the following Grand Officers were present:

Clarence A. Hale, M. E. Grand High Priest.  
Charles E. Tillson, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.  
John H. Fraine, R. E. Grand King.  
Alexander B. Taylor, as R. E. Grand Scribe.  
Harry Lord, R. E. Grand Treasurer.  
Walter L. Stockwell, R. E. Grand Secretary.  
Frank H. Sprague, as E. Grand Captain of the Host.  
Charles E. Best, E. Grand Principal Sojourner.  
Charles E. Boyden, as E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
John S. Brayfield, E. Grand Chaplain.  
Emil L. Mackenroth, E. Grand Master Third Veil.  
G. Roy Ringo, E. Grand Master Second Veil.  
Adolf M. Christianson, E. Grand Master First Veil.  
John H. G. Turner, E. Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter listened with great interest to the address of M. E. Grand High Priest CLARENCE A. HALE, in which he spoke of his official acts for the past year and also of the greater interest manifest in Capitular Masonry.

Dispensations for two new Chapters were granted, one at Rugby, N. D., to be known as Damascus Chapter, and the other at Edgeley, to be known as Edgeley Chapter.

On August 7, 1912, Past Grand High Priest ANSON BARTLETT, acting under the instruction and authority of Grand High Priest HALE, constituted Bismarck Chapter, No. 10., R. A. M., at Bismarck, N. D.

Extending over a period of nine months, forty-one Companions, formerly members of Missouri Chapter, No. 1, were proposed to become members of Bismarck Chapter, No. 10, by affiliation and were elected by the usual voting sign and not by ballot; or if petitioned, the petitions were acted on without laying over the

required time. This irregular procedure was brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter and referred to a special committee for investigation.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$13,814.45 on hand June 20, 1913.

There are twenty-two Chapters, with a membership of 2,534.

CLARENCE A. HALE, Grand High Priest.

WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

At the afternoon session, held Thursday, June 26, 1913, the following Grand Officers were elected and, with the exception of Companions MOULTRIE and SPRIGGS, were installed.

Charles E. Tillson, M. E. Grand High Priest, Pettibone.

John H. Fraine, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Grafton.

Laurence G. Moultrie, R. E. Grand King, Valley City.

William Spriggs, R. E. Grand Scribe, Grand Forks.

Harry Lord, R. E. Grand Treasurer, Cando.

Walter L. Stockwell, R. E. Grand Secretary, Fargo.

Charles E. Best, R. E. Grand Captain of the Host, Enderlin.

Emil L. Mackenroth, R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner, Fargo.

G. Roy Ringo, R. E. Grand Royal Arch Captain, Minot.

The committee to whom was referred the case of "Irregular Procedure" in Bismarck Chapter, No. 10, recommended in a lengthy and detailed report

"that the present members of Bismarck Chapter, No. 10, who were so irregularly elected members thereof be healed, and that all the transactions and proceedings had by said Chapter at various convocations when such members were so elected, and at all other convocations in which such members participated, be legalized and validated."

CHARLES E. TILLSON, Grand High Priest.

W. L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

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## OHIO.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio convened in the Masonic Temple, Canton, O., at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

All the Grand Officers and fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present and 165 of the 173 Chapters were represented. Among the distinguished guests was Past Grand High Priest ROBERT A. WOOD, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

From the Grand High Priest's address we quote the following:

"Less of selfishness, more of generosity and an increased expression of Masonic charity, has followed in the wake of the lessons which we have taught and therefore as I welcome you here today, I am filled with the thought that Masonry has been thoroughly doing its work among the children of men; that they have developed an earnestness and desire for right living far in excess of all those conditions that have passed beyond."

Among the deaths we notice that of Companion CLARK B. JAMISON, who gave his life in an effort to save others during the Ohio flood at Piqua on March 25, 1913. Ohio lost \$163,000,000 in property in its March floods.

Companion SAMUEL W. COURTRIGHT died on the second day of January, 1913. He had served the Grand Chapter as Grand Scribe and as Grand King.

On the first day of January, 1913, Companion LEANDER BURDICK, of Toledo, died. At the time of his death he was the oldest Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

On October 28, 1912, P. G. H. P. GRAFF M. ACKLIN instituted Calumet Chapter, R. A. M., at Toledo, and installed the officers.

Dispensations for the following Royal Arch Chapters were granted:

Kent Chapter, U. D., Kent, Portage County, Ohio.

Norwood Chapter, U. D., Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Fort Miami Chapter, U. D., Maumee, Lucas County, Ohio.

Acacia Chapter, U. D., Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton County, Ohio.

We note with interest that a request from a subordinate Chapter to hold annual election of officers on another date ("Owing to meeting of the Shrine on same evening, the election was postponed") was refused. Also that a request for dispensation to confer degree in two rooms at one and the same time was refused.

The Grand High Priest paid fifteen official visits to subordinate Chapters during the year.

We feel that much good can be accomplished by executing the order issued

"that all subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction be visited and inspected between February 1 and May 15."

Much valuable information has already been obtained.

The Ohio Free Masons' Flood Relief Committee

report the receipt of \$94,111.50 from forty-six Jurisdictions. Ohio contributed \$31,092.11 of this amount.

On September 23, 1913, the Grand High Priest, assisted by his Grand Officers, dedicated the new Masonic Temple at Defiance, Ohio.

The Proceedings contain the annual report of the Ohio Masonic Home.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, September 27, 1913, amounting to \$25,615.04.

The membership on July 31, 1913, was 35,160, a net gain of 1,745 over the previous year.

THOMAS H. ISITT, Grand High Priest.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Grand Secretary.

At the second day's session, held Thursday, October 2, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., the following Grand Officers were elected and, with the exception of R. E. Companion RALPH R. RICKLY, were installed:

M. E. Grand High Priest—William E. Evans, Chillicothe.

R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest—Charles L. Harrod, Columbus.

R. E. Grand King—Frederic J. Crane, Garrettsville.

R. E. Grand Scribe—William A. Belt, Kenton.

R. E. Grand Treasurer—Ralph R. Rickly, Columbus.

R. E. Grand Secretary—Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana.

E. Grand Captain of the Host—John H. Baehr, Cleveland.

E. Grand Principal Sojourner—Harry W. Lloyd, Toledo.

E. Grand Royal Arch Captain—Walton H. Parker, Beverly.

E. Grand Master Third Veil—Schuyler B. Tuthill, Cincinnati.

E. Grand Master Second Veil—Jos. T. Croxall, East Liverpool.

E. Grand Master First Veil—S. Rufus Jones, Dayton.



The next annual Convocation will be held at Youngstown, Ohio, October 7, 1914.

WM. E. EVANS, Grand High Priest.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

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## OREGON.

The Fifty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Oregon was opened in the Masonic Temple, city of Portland, on Monday, June 9, 1913, at 10.30 o'clock A.M.

All the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Officers and twenty-seven of the thirty-four Chapters were represented. Past Grand High Priests FRANK D. WINN and JAMES A. PINNEY, of Idaho, and Past Grand High Priest W. IRVING LATIMER, of Michigan, were present and were invited to seats in the East.

The following is taken from the Grand High Priest's Address:

"Royal Arch Masonry in Oregon, as in all parts of the world where the English language is spoken, is enjoying the smiles of continued prosperity, and if we mistake not the trend of modern thought and aspiration, its lessons of integrity in public and private conduct, recognition of each man's rights to receive no more and no less than his just due, perseverance in all worthy endeavor, and humility before and reverence for the Giver of all good gifts, will extend in ever-widening circles of influence and help to make this world a better and happier place in which to live."

In the death of Past Grand High Priest SETH L. POPE and WILLIAM A. CLELAND the Grand Chapter has lost two of its most active and useful members.

Of the former it is said that he missed only one meeting of the Grand Bodies in the preceding forty-two years. Companion CLELAND was an authority on all questions relating to Masonic jurisprudence.

A dispensation for a new Chapter at Lakeview, Oregon, to be known as Lakeview Chapter, U. D., was granted on April 22, 1913.

The present membership of this Grand Jurisdiction is 3,724, and the Grand Treasurer's balance \$6,260.72.

OSCAR HAYTER, Grand High Priest.

JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

At the afternoon session, the following Grand Officers were elected and installed on the afternoon of the second day's session:

Comp. M. S. Woodcock, No. 5, Grand High Priest.

Comp. L. Clay Marshall, No. 8, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Comp. Clyde Evans, No. 18, Grand King.

Comp. Septimus S. Spencer, No. 10, Grand Scribe.

Comp. David P. Mason, No. 8, Grand Treasurer.

Comp. Jas. F. Robinson, No. 10, Grand Secretary.

Comp. Jas. E. Godfrey, No. 1, Grand Captain of the Host.

The reviewer wishes to express his pleasure in reading the address of the Grand Lecturer. There is a real need for this kind of work by competent hands. Much remains to be explained in Capitular Masonry.

M. S. WOODCOCK, Grand High Priest.

JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

## QUEBEC.

The M. E. the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec assembled in Thirty-sixth Annual Grand Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal, at 3.00 o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, the 26th day of March, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443.

The Most Excellent Grand First Principal Z., Companion J. ALEX. CAMERON, delivered his address. He said, in part:

“In the hope that profit and pleasure to ourselves and an advancement of the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction may result from our meeting here to-day, I welcome you to the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter; and I ask you to join with me in an expression of gratitude to the Most High for His wonderful mercies to us in the year that has gone, and in beseeching His blessing upon our assembly and His guidance in our deliberations.”

In speaking of the deaths in the Jurisdiction, he philosophically says:

“Despite the teachings of nature and the oft-recurring facts of our own experience, we do not accustom ourselves to the loss of friends; each successive bereavement weighs heavily upon us; and, no matter what may be our duty in that respect, we cannot bring ourselves to contemplate with equanimity or the indifference induced by habit, the final parting from those whom we have learned to love and respect. We can, however, and should be grateful for the memories of those qualities in our departed friends which have bound them to us; those memories, in any event, are possessions of which death cannot rob us.”

The following reads like a very familiar remark:

“For reasons with which most of you are familiar, it has not been possible for me to visit as many of the Chapters as I would have liked or under other circumstances would have visited.”

Further on he says:

“It is quite true, as you will observe, that our net increase in membership is less this year than last. In this year of grace, it may be a ‘counsel of perfection’ to suggest that numerical increase is not the only nor indeed the best measure of real progress, and yet, without intending



to appear self-contradictory, one cannot forego the opportunity of expressing wonder that out of a total active membership of 7,313 in the Craft Lodges of this Province, all but 1418 are apparently content to remain satisfied with the Masonic light and instruction imparted in the first three degrees—light instruction avowedly imperfect and frankly admitted to be substituted for that greater measure of knowledge to be attained by further research. To say that the Royal Arch is the completion—the step necessary to complete comprehension—of the third degree, is to state no new theorem, nor to propose any undue multiplication of Masonic degrees. On the contrary, this has been the attitude of modern Freemasonry—the Freemasonry which we practise—since its firm establishment on its present basis; indeed, and it is otherwise interesting to note, it is just one hundred years ago this year that upon the amalgamation of the two rival Grand Lodges now composing the United Grand Lodge of England, one of the Articles of Union set forth that, pure Ancient Masonry consists of the three degrees ‘including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.’ ”

And, in conclusion, he says:

“I gladly acknowledge the invaluable assistance accorded to me by the Grand Scribe E., and equally do I commend the continued energy, zeal and useful services of the Grand Lecturer; and I beg most sincerely to express my thanks to the Companions of Grand Chapter for the honor done me in electing me to this office, and for the many courtesies extended to me during the past year.

“And now, Companions, I commend to your serious consideration the duties of the day.”

The Grand Scribe E. reports:

“The number of Members on the Roll December 31st, 1911....			1,383
“ADDITIONS:			
Received .....	94		
Restored .....	3		
	—	97	
“DEDUCTIONS:			
Died .....	16		
Withdrawn .....	20		
Suspended N.P.D. ....	26		
	—	62	
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“Total Membership .....	1,418		
“Net increase .....	35		

“Of the eleven Chapters on the roll six show a net increase of 51 and five show a decrease of 16, making a total net increase of 35.”

The Grand Treasurer reports balance of \$1,753.08 and in the Benevolent Fund Account, \$2,632.83.

The Grand Lecturer, R. E. Companion J. I. PHILIPS, presented a very full report. Of the Quebec Chapters, he says:

“I can say in respect to the four chapters in our city, that on all occasions when visiting them the work has been of an exceptionally high character. In all of them annual changes in the stations held by officers are made, yet in the exemplification of the degrees these changes are imperceptible, each chapter having a goodly number of enthusiastic and able members to select from. I am convinced that it is not too much to claim that the R. A. Masons in Montreal owe very much of the success of the Royal Craft attained in the city to those Companions who have in the past and are in the present devoting so much of their time and efforts in the presentation and exemplification of the Capitular degrees.”

He was, on motion, continued in office for another year.

Well! here we have another one—Scrutineers; the other day a Companion sprung—abnormous—on me:

“The Most E. the Grand Z. extended the thanks of Grand Chapter to the Companions who acted as Scrutineers.”

And who are Scrutineers? The record shows that:

“The M. E. the Grand Z. appointed R. E. Companion W. L. Chipchase, V. E. Companion Frank T. Bown, and E. Companion Harry Wilson, Jr., to act as Scrutineers.

“The election of officers for the ensuing year being then proceeded with, the result of the ballot as reported by the Scrutineers was declared.”

All my dictionaries are silent, but the above excerpt gives the meaning by its use. Derived from Scrutiny,



no doubt these officers "searched even to the rags" and by "close examination," "minute inspection," and "critical observation" determined that the vote was properly cast and counted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of E. T. D. CHAMBERS, P. G. Z. He says in part:

"Upon many occasions it has seemed to the undersigned as if the teachings of the Royal Craft were not apparently productive of the results that were to have been expected from the number of degrees conferred and lectures delivered. The rapid increase in the number of non-affiliates aroused suspicion that some Brethren were simply making use of the Royal Arch for ulterior purposes; in a word, that they were only taking the degree because they found that they must do so or go without something beyond it that they desired to have. And we repeat what we have said before in this connection,—though some of our Companion Reviewers do not appear to agree with us—that Royal Arch Masonry can well afford to do without those who join us from improper motives. Then, again, the profound ignorance of our laws and regulations, disclosed for some years past in the applications made to Grand Chapter officers, was of a nature to convince us that in some quarters at least there was no attempt on the part of Companions, most of whom were officers of Chapters, to familiarize themselves with the Constitutions of their Grand Chapters or the by-laws of their own particular Chapters.

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"What then does the good of the Royal Craft demand of us? Chiefly, we believe, a due impressiveness in the degree work, a determination that in so far as we are able to prevent it, the beautiful degrees of Capitular Masonry shall not be utilized merely as a bridge for crossing to something beyond them, a living as well as a teaching of the lessons of the Royal Arch, and increasing care to make Chapter meetings socially and intellectually attractive and instructive, in order that it may be seen and understood that impressive and beautiful as the Chapter degrees are, there is more in the ritual than appears on the surface, and that it conceals, as well as reveals, precious truths, and promise of rich reward, to the careful and conscientious investigator and searcher after the truth."

Under District of Columbia, he calls Companion ROE FULKERSON the Mark Twain of the Masonic Corps' Reportorial.



Under Indiana, we clip the following, which will be information, perhaps, to some:

“He correctly notes that we make no mention of any Order of High Priesthood. There is nothing of the kind in most of the Canadian Jurisdictions, because following the English system of nomenclature and order of officers of subordinate Chapters, we have no High Priests in them. The presiding officer of our Chapters is Zerubbabel,—not Priest, but King,—the leading character in the Restoration and the rebuilding of the Temple.”

Under Massachusetts, he says:

“It would prove exceedingly interesting to Canadian Masons and to Canadian historical students to learn something further in regard to the Masons captured at the fall of Quebec, whom it is reasonable to suppose were members of the vanquished French army. The present writer hopes, with the assistance of Companion Russell, to be able to elicit further light on this, to him, entirely new feature of a struggle to which he has devoted no little time, enquiry, investigation and literary labor.”

Success to your labors! This historical knowledge would be of general interest.

Inspired by the remarks of Companion CONOVER, of Michigan, anent the sentence printed on the front of the printed volume of proceedings of some Grand Chapters, those of Canada and Quebec being among the number, which reads, “Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved,” he says:

“We have no hesitation, for our part, in asserting that the order is more honored in the breach than in the observance. Yet if those who prepare these reports could only induce others to realize what valuable instruction and entertainment they have derived from the reading and the contemplation of the various reports perused by them, there would be few Masons who would not follow their example and read all such reports as may be within their reach.”

Under Nevada, we clip the following valuable note and comment:

“Companion George Gillson presented a partial review of other Grand Chapter proceedings. He takes rather a pessimistic view of the benefit of Reports of Correspondence, and the only inference that we can draw from his insistence upon the change in popular taste from things instructive, intellectual, and improving, to fiction, vaudeville and picture shows, to circuses, prize fights and such like amusements, is that we should make our Masonic literature acceptable to such tastes.

“We believe that his application of certain conditions of life to the Masonic fraternity, like the deductions drawn therefrom, are faulty. Healthy literature, the churches, the lecture halls and the legitimate drama do not yet repel the majority of the Craft, and there are hundreds of thousands of Masons, even on this continent, who have not bowed the knee to Baal, and who prefer the gospel of sweetness and light to the idols of the Philistines. But even were it otherwise, no justification could be found therein for a lowering of literary and intellectual dignity on the part of either the Masonic reviewers or of anyone else who writes for public consumption. The object and the aim of all such workers should be to aid, to elevate, and, if possible, to instruct; and if this cannot be done without descending to the level of the printed page that interests the lover of the prize fight, the circus and the vaudeville, it would be better not to attempt it at all. Least of all should it be tolerated by Masons.”

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. He speaks of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH's address as “a most interesting and encouraging one,” and alludes to the death of Past Grand High Priest BARTLETT. He congratulates us on our “gratifying showing” in increase of membership, and quotes the writer *in extenso*.

The following is to the point under Texas:

“It is gratifying, but not surprising in the case of so eminent a Mason, to have it from our good Companion Terrell that he does not wish to deprive a Lodge or Chapter of any ancient privilege, whether it be in selecting its own material or in any other matter. The same cannot be said, however, for those who legislate in such a manner as practically to say that a Lodge or number of Lodges, as the case may be, shall not accept as a candidate any man who is engaged in a certain line of



business, or who is a shareholder in such a business, as certain American Grand Lodges have done. If this is not class legislation then there is no such thing under the sun as class legislation.

“Some Grand Lodges have gone still further than this, and have ordered that Brethren who may hereafter place themselves in the prohibited class by investing in the penalized business are to be disciplined. What, in such a case, becomes of the Landmark asserting ‘the equality of all Masons in a Lodge,’ when the membership of a Lodge may be divided into sheep and goats according to the line of business in which its individual units may choose to engage?

“Let us not forget that ‘The qualification of candidates for initiation’ is also a Landmark, and that from time immemorial those qualifications have been declared, by ritual and otherwise, to be that one must be ‘a man free born, of mature age, sound morals and under the tongue of good report.’ ”

It is well and truthfully said.

And this is the conclusion of a very able and delightfully readable report:

“It is a matter of regret to us that a few reports of sister Grand Chapters have failed to reach us. We are equally disappointed to find that some reports of our own proceedings have failed to reach those for whom they were intended.

“As year after year passes by, and each one marks the disappearance of some prominent Companion, well known to us, not personally, perhaps, but in consequence of his intercourse with us, as Chairman of Correspondence perhaps, or it may be as Grand First Principal or Grand Secretary of a sister Grand Chapter, we are more and more impressed with the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. We have from time to time contended most earnestly in these reports for what we have believed to be the right and the truth, in the interests of the Craft, and sometimes we have both received and given some fairly hard—arguments. We hope they have always been courteous, as they have always been kindly meant, and whenever they have not been so received and understood our language must have been incapable of transmitting the sentiments of the heart.

“With kindest regards and best wishes to every member of the Royal Craft, and especially to those of our own Jurisdiction, and to the



Chairmen of Committees of Correspondence of other Grand Chapters, the undersigned subscribes himself

“Ever Fraternally,

“E. T. D. CHAMBERS,

“*Past Grand First Principal Z.*

*(Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Quebec).’*”

M. E. Companion J. ALEX. CAMERON, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion WILL H. WHYTE, Grand  
Scribe E.

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## RHODE ISLAND.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island is held in Freemasons Hall, Providence, Tuesday, March 12, A.D. 1912, A.I. 2442, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE C. KNIGHT, delivered the annual address. After a cordial welcome to the members and Grand Representatives, he refers briefly to the ravages made by death, details his visitations, recounts his invitations and records his approval of by-laws. This work appears to be the duty of the Grand High Priest, while in Pennsylvania a Committee does it. His several rulings were of local interest only, although the vexed question of Jurisdiction was in one case the inciting cause.

The several reports from the Deputy Grand High

Priest, King, Scribe, Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee, all treat fully and with interest the several subjects within their scope, but from which we can gather nothing for use in our review.

We note that "the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is, by vote, authorized to publish its report with the proceedings." It is so published.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that Rhode Island has ten Chapters with a membership of 4,111. This is a gain over the previous return of 134.

The Grand Treasurer reports investments and cash in the sum of \$9,596.21.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of S. PENROSE WILLIAMS. He takes the usual journey, starting with Alabama. It is a far cry from Alabama to Arizona, but the hail is made; and so on through the several Jurisdictions. Arkansas to California, then to Canada, and so on. Each review is crisp, brief and salient, but we are given little to quote from.

Under Colorado, we quote *re* the decisions of the Grand High Priest:

"The Grand High Priest made one decision and granted a number of Dispensations. Two of these, at least, might interest Rhode Islanders. One was, granting permission to a Chapter to confer the R. A. degree in the hall of another Chapter, one Chapter having one and the other, two candidates to make the 'trio.' The other Dispensation was granted for the purpose of allowing a Chapter to give the final lecture to three

teams (three 'trios') at the same time, because it would otherwise cause the Chapter considerable hardship if compelled to do that part of the work in each team ('trio') separately. The Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved this action of the G. H. P., but they provided a way to 'beat the devil around the stump,' in future cases by proposing an amendment to the laws relating to Chapters, by adding the words, 'Except under a special Dispensation granted by the Grand High Priest for the purpose,' and the amendment was adopted."

### And then under District of Columbia:

"The territorial extent of this Grand Jurisdiction, as is known by everyone, is even less than that of Rhode Island, yet there are twelve Chapters whose combined membership was 3,582, or 395 less than that credited to Rhode Island's ten Chapters by the reports for 1911."

"The easy distances, and the facilities for traveling them, even for those who might prefer to walk, fully explain the full attendance at the Grand Chapter meetings. Indeed, it would prove a lamentable lack of interest if the numbers were less.

"Still, the Companions of the District of Columbia, or those of our own little State, cannot taste the enjoyment felt by those of the Grand Chapters of our great Western States, when they meet in their annual convocations, after hundreds of miles of travel and a journey of days. To them it is indeed a treat to greet each other and form new acquaintances, while we jostle each other on the street every day."

Under Louisiana, *re* "occupation," as stated in the petition, we take his excerpt:

"He also decided that a petition from an applicant who gave his occupation as a 'State Official,' was not properly before the Chapter receiving it, ruling that the petitioner must state specifically what his occupation is, and that 'State Official' is rather vague and not specific."

### Under Massachusetts, we find the following:

"Among his decisions was one—'That under the law it is necessary to install every officer on re-election.' In Rhode Island it is generally understood that an officer, when re-elected, is still bound by his original obligation of office, and it therefore does not become necessary for a second installation."

The following is interesting, *re* recording of marks, which we find under Ohio:



“As a remedy for the trouble, the Grand High Priest recommended the adoption of a resolution which would make it mandatory upon the Secretaries of Chapters, in case of the failure of a Companion to register a Mark, to place the initials of such Companion within the circle as, and for his Mark, and then to immediately notify the Companion that his initials have been so recorded as his Mark. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, doubted the propriety of such action.

“We wonder if it has occurred to Grand High Priests and the members of the Grand Chapter, not only in Ohio, but in other jurisdictions as well, that the neglect and indifference shown by the rank and file in regard to the Mark, is but their sober, silent verdict as to its value. Perhaps the more than fifty per cent. of Ohio's members are right in regarding the continuance of the custom of recording a mark, as a useless formality. We are not sure but that we agree with them in their stand, for there doesn't seem to be much reason for the Mark in this day and generation. There need be no fear that Masons or Royal Arch Masons, will rebel against or set at defiance, any real or vital custom of the Craft in the manner they seem inclined to treat this matter.”

We are greatly pleased with his review of Pennsylvania, which is keen and discriminating, as witness:

“There is no record that the appointed officers were installed, the reason for this being that these officers owe their appointment to the Grand High Priest and are directly responsible to him, hence there is no reason why they should be formally installed, any more than should the members of the Committees whom he appoints. This seems to be a common-sense view of the matter. But Pennsylvania is noted for its sensible methods, its strict unvarying requirements, and its determined opposition to the tendencies which seem to be everywhere working to effect changes in the ancient customs and usages of the fraternity.

“Another peculiarity of Pennsylvania methods is, that the Grand Chapter (like the Grand Lodge) does not review the official acts or pass upon the decisions of the Grand High Priest. As they are promulgated, so they stand until reversed by some succeeding Grand High Priest. This would seem to have its advantages, in that it would ultimately oblige a Grand Chapter in its own defense to select for its chief officer, only such as are fully qualified for the position through the possession of such necessary qualities as a clear intelligence, wisdom and sound judgment—qualities too often lost sight of in the common method of advancing candidates whose sole claim is that they are ‘in line.’ ”

This, under West Virginia, is both readable and instructive:

“We gather from a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence that West Virginia has a method which beats the Texas plan ‘to a frazzle.’ The ‘order of succession’ in conferring the degrees in the Chapter is 1st, Mark Master; 2d, Past Master; 3d, Select Master; 4th, Royal Master; 5th, Most Excellent Master; 6th, Royal Arch Mason.

“By this method the Cryptic Lamb and the Capitular Lion are made to lie down together, even though the lamb is inside the lion. The position of the ‘Royal’ and the ‘Select’ seems to be reversed, but this need not condemn the system, more especially as there seems to be no place left in it, for what Brother Warvelle, of Illinois, styles the ‘Superannuated Degree.’ ”

Then follows the conclusion, from which we quote:

“Again your Committee have found real pleasure in the examination of the doings of other Grand Chapters. Much more, indeed, might have been added, for the field is rich and inviting. In one direction especially, we have not ventured; we have scarcely referred to the many able and instructive reports of the Correspondence Committees of other Jurisdictions. Had we done so, we fear our report would have been expanded to such dimensions as to have invited condemnation.

“But after all, these Correspondence Reports have so little direct connection with the actual business of a Grand Chapter that we have felt that we were justified in just trying to inform the Craft in this Jurisdiction of some of the things of a general interest, which have been done elsewhere.”

HERBERT BLISS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM R. GREENE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## RHODE ISLAND.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island is held in Freemasons’ Hall,



Providence, Tuesday, March 11, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion HERBERT BLISS, delivered the annual address. He says, in opening, that:

“It is a pleasure to extend to you a cordial greeting and hearty welcome to the One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, where you are assembled to review the past and provide for the future.

“The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island has never, since its formation in 1798, failed to meet annually and elect its officers—a record of which we are all proud.”

Speaking of the General Grand Chapter, he says:

“The General Grand Chapter is the largest body of Masons in the world, and the coming together of Representatives from nearly every State in the United States and our insular possessions every three years has amalgamated this Great Society of Capitular Masons into a compact body, operating under the same general laws and each striving to outdo the other in good work. It was very inspiring to hear the report from every Jurisdiction that peace and harmony prevailed.

“The men who have been chosen to head this great organization are, in a great measure, responsible for this magnificent showing, and no General Grand High Priest has more ably filled the chair than Companion Witt, who is our guest to-day.”

We quote, *re* physical perfection, a remarkable decision:

“On December 23, 1912, I received a communication from the Secretary of Union Chapter, No. 5, asking if the application of a Master Mason, who had lost his left arm between the elbow and shoulder (Just how an arm could be lost *between the elbow and shoulder* we are at a loss to understand. There must be some mistake here, typographical or otherwise.—REVIEWER.) could be received and the degrees conferred upon him. To which I replied, as follows:

“‘I rule that Union Chapter, No. 5, may receive the petition.’”

“As this decision is at variance with the opinion held by a great many Capitular Masons, I deem it my duty to explain why it was made.



“The Constitution and General Regulations of this Grand Chapter are silent on the subject and no Grand High Priest has been asked to rule upon it. This subject has, however, received considerable attention from other Grand Chapters in the last two years and decisions have been made both favorable and unfavorable.

“In the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts, Washington and Canada, the decisions were unfavorable, the Grand High Priests, however, had no alternative, as the by-laws expressly prohibited the reception of a maimed Master Mason.

“A Kentucky Chapter elected, and an Alabama Chapter conferred the degrees by request upon a maimed Mason; the Grand High Priest of Alabama, however, ruled on the request, not on the subject. In Michigan, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand High Priest to *strike out* the clause in the Constitution, which reads, ‘No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Mason who has not the requisite physical qualifications which will enable him to comply with all the ceremonies of the order,’ reported favorably and the Grand Chapter voted it.

“The most notable decision was made by the Grand High Priest of Illinois, who ruled that: ‘The loss of either hand does not make a Master Mason ineligible for the Chapter degrees.’ This decision was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, was reported favorably by them, and adopted by the Grand Chapter.

“The effort which has been made in the past to debar Master Masons from advancement for physical disability, is a survival of the requirements, in ancient times, when Masons were both operative and speculative and had to be physically perfect to perform their labors; but, in the present day, when we work only as speculative Masons, we should apply the requirements, as we do the working tools, to a more noble and glorious purpose. As the operative Masons were required to be physically perfect, so should the speculative Masons be required, in a symbolic sense, to be morally perfect.

“Hence our standard for admission to the Chapter should be moral, not physical. I can add no better words than to quote the Grand Z. of Canada, who, after saying he would have been pleased to rule in favor of the candidate said: ‘*To hold otherwise is cruel and devoid of Masonic Charity.*’ ”

From the report of the Committee on Grand Officers’ reports we learn, *re* the above decision, that:

“Upon the decision rendered by M. E. Companion Bliss your Committee are not agreed; the majority of the Committee recommend that his decision be approved.”

He thus concludes:

“Companions, the year is ended, peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction and with a thankful heart I surrender my office; not with a feeling that much has been accomplished; but that I can return my trust in as good condition as I received it. My record is before you; whatever I have done has been with the one purpose of benefiting the whole body. I trust you will deal leniently with my mistakes and shortcomings.

“The year has been one of pleasure and profit, due largely to the hearty co-operation of my associate Grand Officers and the advice and counsel of the Past Grand High Priests, to all of whom I make grateful acknowledgment.”

The reports from the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe were of local interest only.

The R. E. Grand Secretary reports ten Chapters and a membership of 4,163—an increase of 52.

The R. E. Grand Treasurer shows a balance in cash and investments of \$9,742.33.

A most excellent report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion S. PENROSE WILLIAMS.

We quote from it, under Alabama:

“The tendency towards ‘horseplay’ is no doubt noticeable in the Chapters of other Jurisdictions than that of Alabama. There are too many men whose knowledge of Masonry is so deficient that they strive to convert the solemn ceremonies of initiation into a farce just for the amusement of the galleries.”

We note that in Rhode Island the time of meeting is a *movable feast*; that is, the Chapter controls the hour of opening, “provided due and timely notice is given the members by the usual manner of notifying.”



“This plan works well in all Masonic bodies in Rhode Island, the only requirement being, that notice of the change of hour shall be given at least three days previous to the time when such meeting is to be held. We have not heard of any harm resulting from this freedom of action, and we do not believe that conditions in Connecticut differ a great deal from the conditions in Rhode Island.”

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed.

In concluding his report, he says:

“In presenting this our third report on Foreign Correspondence we have followed the same course as in our previous reports and have endeavored to give a simple review of the actual transactions of the several Grand Chapters by noting those distinctive matters of importance which it was felt would be of interest to the Royal Arch Mason of Rhode Island, because of the insight furnished him relative to the methods peculiar to other jurisdictions, thus giving him food for thought and perhaps real instruction.

“Believing that the mission of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is to furnish this information to those whose opportunities for otherwise obtaining it would be difficult or practically impossible, and also having in mind that this should be in as compact and brief a report as possible, we have therefore felt obliged to confine our review to these matters wholly and not to the discussion of them pro and con. For this reason we have again avoided reference to the many splendid and able reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of other jurisdictions, not that we do not admire them and value them, but for the reason that to give each the attention it deserves, would demand more time than could be given it, and what would be more important still, our report would be expanded out of all proportion to the size of our jurisdiction and beyond the limits of acceptance.

“Right here we feel, however, that a word is necessary to acknowledge in a general way the kindly reception accorded your committee by the ‘Corps Reportorial.’ Kind, encouraging and even favorable comment has been passed upon the work of our inexperienced pen, for which we are truly grateful.

“We had hardly hoped for such patient treatment, for we had chosen a different and a tamer method than that of our Brethren, so that our review hardly deserves a place alongside the often keen, brilliant and witty productions sent out by many of the Brethren of the Round Table.”

ARTHUR B. TYLER, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM R. GREENE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.



## SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina assembled in Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1913, at 12 M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion J. L. MICHIE, delivered the annual address. He opens as follows:

“Companions: Under the blessing of God, the Father Almighty, we are again permitted to attend an Annual Gathering of our Royal Craft, and I welcome each and every one of you to this, our One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation. Many of us are old and tried Brothers, Companions and friends, in Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic Masonry, and to us these Annual Gatherings are fraught with the keenest personal fraternal enjoyment. Other Companions meet with us for the first time; let us extend to them the hand of fraternal welcome and true fellowship, ever remembering that perhaps, in the providence of an all-wise God, when we again assemble in annual reunion, some of our stations may be vacant, and to the younger members we must look for the successful carrying on of the work we are all engaged in. ‘The workmen die, but the work must go on.’ So let us give a warm welcome to those Companions whom to-day we meet for the first time upon the floor of this Grand Body.

. . . . .  
“It gives me great pleasure again to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the length and breadth of our Jurisdiction, and that our membership is steadily on the increase. There is still a tendency to rush through the degrees, which is to be deplored, but which cannot be avoided unless you deprive the Grand High Priest of the right to railroad candidates.”

South Carolina has adopted the “Texas Plan,” which is that a petitioner for the Capitular degrees must accompany his petition with one for the Council degrees and the necessary fee. The M. E. Grand High Priest says:

“(1) Notice of the proposed amendment to our law was given at our Annual Convocation of 1911, at which your Chapter was, or ought to have been, represented, and appears in our Proceedings of that year, page 26. The law became operative immediately after its adoption on 13th February, 1912, and I presume your High Priest, or a Representative, was present when it was adopted.

“Such being the case, the applicants referred to must pay the fees prescribed by the new law before they can be balloted for, and if imbued with the proper Masonic spirit, will not hesitate to do so.

“(2) If the applicants referred to refuse to sign petitions for the Cryptic Rite, they cannot receive any of the Chapter degrees, and any money they may have paid remains in the Chapter treasury.

“(3) While not agreeing with you in the very slightest that our present law is ‘mutilated,’ the Chapter is responsible for the Council fees, and if the applicant is rejected by the Council, the fees should be returned to him.

“(4) The Secretary of the Chapter will be as responsible for the Council fees when paid to him as he is for the Chapter fees, and failing the Secretary, then the Chapter will be responsible.”

During his term of service he visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

A Dispensation was granted for a new Chapter at Allendale to be known as Delta Chapter, U. D., on March 18, 1913.

Among his recommendations, we note the following:

“I think the time has come for us to seriously consider the propriety of not trying to rush through our business in one day. The old records show that we used to have a two days’ session, but I do not know when the change actually took place. For the past few years it has been very apparent that our time is all too short for due consideration of the important business we are called on to transact. The law is silent on the subject, so that any change could be made simply by resolution.”

South Carolina has “a little over seventy-eight thousand dollars” belonging to the Masonic Home Fund.



No steps will be taken to purchase or erect a home until this is increased to one hundred thousand dollars. The Grand Chapter has been contributing one thousand dollars annually to the fund.

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$5,372.84.

The Grand Secretary reports all returns except three received before the 10th of January; also that the card-record system is complete and that a general index has been made.

There are 31 Chapters, with a membership of 2842.

The Correspondence Report comes from the pen of J. L. MICHIE, P. G. H. P., and is dated April 18, 1913.

He opens as follows:

“Companions: In my loiterings around the Capitular world during the year 1912, I made a brief synopsis of what was going on in the English-speaking Jurisdictions, so that you might see if South Carolina was holding her own among her sister Grand Chapters. I find pretty much the same conditions almost everywhere. Some Chapters increasing in membership, enthusiasm and ritualistic knowledge, others languishing, while yet others are quietly sleeping, permeated with dry rot.”

Under Illinois, he says, *re* physical perfection:

“GRACIOUS! We have fought that pernicious doctrine for a generation, but as Grand Master and Grand High Priest we had to carry out the law of our Jurisdiction. We take pleasure in recording the fact that physical perfection in South Carolina is a thing of the past, the law having been repealed at the last session of our Grand Lodge (December, 1912).”

Pennsylvania is reviewed and a nice compliment is in the following:

“Under decisions, he ruled that a Brother’s mark in which a color was used as a part of said mark, was not a device within the terms of



the requirements and that it could not be accepted. He granted two railroading Dispensations and refused a third. He made eleven Grand and nineteen informal visitations, and also visited the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey and Delaware. He personally visited the practically destroyed town of Austin, which was almost wiped off the face of the earth by the 'breaking out of a dam breast' (we do charge the M. E. Companion with swearing), and afterwards sent a check for \$350 from the Charity and Emergency Relief Fund in aid of the suddenly stricken Brethren and Companions. Just like Pennsylvania! When it comes to practical Masonry, this Jurisdiction leads the world!

"The Correspondence Report is again from the pens of a Committee of five. Gordon Hale reviewing South Carolina for 1910, in which the 'scissors and paste pot' do all the work."

Who (Gordon) Hale is as a reviewer, we don't know. Why not make it plain George?

The conclusion is as follows:

"Sometimes I am almost inclined to wish that such a phrase as 'universal peace and harmony' had never been invented. Nearly every Grand High Priest used it in his address last year, describing the condition of the Craft. Now, if some Jurisdiction would only get up a little fracas, do something out of the ordinary, it would give us poor pencil-drivers something to write about. There is such a great sameness in all the proceedings that very rarely can we find anything to take hold of.

"Dependent Membership still has its advocates and its opponents. We confess that we cannot understand the reasoning of the latter when we remember that possession of the lower degrees is prerequisite to advancement. This being so, why, then, should not good standing in the lower degrees be prerequisite to good standing in the higher degrees?

"I do not oppose documentary evidence; I would prefer not to use it, believing more in Masonry in the head than Masonry in the vest pocket; but in Jurisdictions where clandestine Masonry is rife, it is almost essentially necessary.

"The 'Perfect Youth Fad' is now almost unknown in the Masonic world of to-day, South Carolina being the latest to recede from the position she had so long held, namely, that a Candidate must be 'perfect in all his limbs, organs and members, as a man ought to be.' Personally, I never did see the sense of refusing advancement to an E. A. or to a F. C. who had been so unfortunate as to lose a minute portion of the little finger of his left hand.

“The ‘Texas Plan’ is still causing a good deal of discussion among reviewers, and the opinion as to its feasibility and legality is pretty evenly divided. In South Carolina it is working very smoothly; I have only heard of one Companion who objected to it.

“Should exchange of courtesies among Jurisdictions in the matter of conferring degrees go through the Grand High Priests? My six years’ experience in presiding over Masonic Grand Bodies convinces me that this is one question on which we should have uniform legislation. While we have no direct law on this question in South Carolina, I think all such requests should come through the office of the Grand High Priest.”

GEORGE S. MOWER, M. E. Grand High Priest.

O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple in the city of Yankton, commencing Thursday, June 12, Anno Domini 1913, Anno Inventionis 2443, at 9 o’clock A.M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion C. A. CHRISTOPHERSON, delivered the annual address:

In opening, he says:

“This year we meet in Annual Convocation in the city of Yankton, located upon the beautiful plain bordering the broad and turbulent Missouri, and it is especially appropriate that we should at this time gather in this, the oldest city of the State, for this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the labors of the Craft in this vicinity, in itself an important fact, showing that the science of Masonry established itself in this State, then the Territory of Dakota, almost with the beginning of civilization in this region, and has grown apace with the Territory and State.”

A very short report from the Grand Lecturer is made a part of the report of the Grand High Priest.

Only one request for a decision was received, and the answer to that depended on facts, not at command.

But two Chapters, not including his own, out of the thirty-six in the Jurisdiction, were visited.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$3,-620.47.

The Grand Secretary furnishes the following statistics:

“All of the Subordinate Chapters have made returns and while most of them have shown activity, four did not confer any degrees. From the reports I have compiled the following:

“Number of Chapters .....	36
Number of members .....	3,233
Number exalted .....	250
Number admitted .....	29
Number reinstated .....	11
Number suspended .....	29
Number expelled .....	2
Number dimitted .....	57
Number died .....	50
Net gain .....	152”

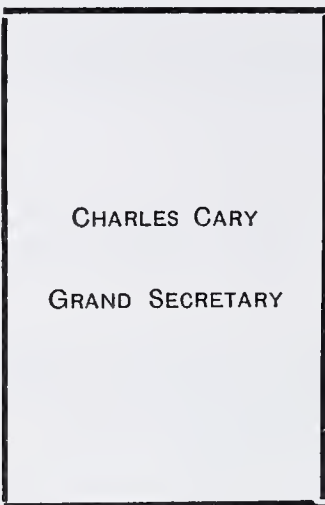
A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to Companion CHARLES A. CHRISTOPHERSON.

The report on Correspondence comes from the pen of Companion L. G. LEROY. It follows the usual alphabetical course from Alabama to Wyoming. The reviews are sententious, but prove a poor field for the extract reviewer. A unique feature is the head-



ing which in a majority of cases show a vignette or rather a medallion picture of the Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction under review. This is a most interesting feature, and in addition the statistical facts are grouped in a regular order, of great value for reference.

For example, take Pennsylvania :



1795

1912

PENNSYLVANIA

117th Annual	PHILADELPHIA	Dec. 27, 1912
118th Annual	“	Dec. 27, 1913
Chapters 135	Members 32,503	Increase 808
M.:E.:A. G. Criswell Smith, Grand High Priest		
R.:E.:Stockton Bates, as Grand Secretary		
Chapters Represented 35	Assets, \$35,094.00	
	Charity Fund, \$1,142.82	

There you have it in a nut-shell.

In the above case Companion CARY’s picture was presumably not obtainable, as is the case with some other Jurisdictions.

Under Michigan :

“Referring to the vignettes of the Grand Secretaries of the various Jurisdictions, at the head of each jurisdictional review, he rightly opines, the idea emanated from Grand Secretary Pettigrew and celebrates it with the following verse:

“ ‘Of all forms of Review, here is one that’s unique,  
As each Section is prefaced by Quill Drivers’ cheek.  
I’ve a thought that the one that produced this Review  
Is the fellow left out, by the name Pettigrew.  
As full many a blank with rectangular space  
Shows the lack of some bright, intellectual face,  
I can see at a glance that those “nights of the Quill,”  
Like some other recorders, their orders don’t fill.

But there's "Fox"-y old "Greer," "Davis," "Noteware" and  
"Bone,"

There are "Berry" two "Hart"(t)s, that they say beat as one,  
Then "McCormick" and "Cary" and "Reed" all said "Thanks,"  
But now what could suit more than a blank for friend "Blanks?"

Now the ones who responded with mugs for this gallery  
Were not really "rogues" but just men with a salary.

There are youthful-faced "Hedges" and "Stockwell" and "Beau-  
champ,"

And there's "Blalock" and "Jessup," there's none that can  
reach 'em.

Father "Roskruge" and "Murrow" the good Uncle Joe,  
With the late Brother "Speed" whom our hearts miss we know.

Tho' I've hunted the "Garrett" for colors so "Keen,"

I've discovered but three, just two "Whi(y)tes" and a "Greene."  
"Jacobson," "Robinson," "Stevenson," "Wilson," four—

Are the "sons" I have found, and what could you want more?

There's Judge "Warvelle," whose church no religion can boast;  
For his sins in the next world, he thinks he won't roast.

There are "Perry" and "Prather" and "Wingate" and "Munds,"  
If they haven't the "Price" they will run out of funds.

"Hagenbuch," "Ross" and "Bryan" are looking quite fine;

"Cheney," "Wolihin," "Fishel" are in the same line,

While the "Miller" I "Grant" you has got a good look,

Just "Conover" these words; "Wait(e)" for "Webster's" old  
book.' "

From his conclusion we clip the following bits of  
information:

"There is but one cloud that mars the harmony of the Capitular  
world, and that is Scotland, in her action in refusing to leave territory  
wherein Grand Chapters have been erected, notably in the Provinces of  
Australia, as New South Wales, Western Australia and New Zealand.

"Scotland is willing to concede recognition to these Grand Chapters,  
but insists on a dual sovereignty, which the Grand Chapters affected  
decline, and properly so.

"Scotland not only wants the privilege of maintaining its existing  
Chapters, but insists on placing new Chapters in the territory as rivals  
to the Chapters composing the legal Grand Chapter.

"Scotland has no Grand Chapter in the Antipodes, but governs its  
Subordinate Chapters by Grand Superintendents. Each Colony or Prov-

ince where it has Chapters has a Superintendent, who reports annually to the Grand Chapter of Scotland the condition of his charges and their progress.

“One of these Grand Superintendents, in his report, boasted that his Chapters were doing more work than their rivals, the so-called Supreme Grand Chapter, belittling them generally; all of which does not make for harmony or the welfare of Capitular Masonry.

“Is it not time to call a halt? The great majority of the Capitular world favors the theory of sovereign jurisdiction as against dual jurisdiction. They do not countenance the latter, which makes for evil continually.

“Then, if other measures fail, we are prone to confess that it would be a proper move on the part of the Capitular world to show their displeasure at existing conditions, by withdrawing fraternal relations with Scotland until such time as they are willing to do justice to our Companions of the Antipodes.”

HOLLACE L. HOPKINS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## TENNESSEE.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in Freemasons' Hall, Nashville, Tennessee, beginning on Monday, January 27, at 9 A.M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion JUNIUS HOBSON, delivered the annual address.

One Chapter was instituted and a Dispensation granted to form a new Chapter at Raines, Tenn.

A member and Secretary of Pearl Chapter signed a petition for a Dispensation for Paxton Chapter. He says:



“Now, a certain element is trying to force me out of Pearl Chapter, saying (our) signing a petition for dispensation made us Charter members of Paxton Chapter.

“On page 60, of the 1912 proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge apply in certain cases. On page 272 of the Masonic Text book of Tennessee, printed in 1883, the petitioners are given the choice of joining the new lodge or chapter or staying with the old. Please give me your ruling on this at an early date, and much oblige.”

### The following is the decision:

“I believe, that when a Companion signs a petition for a new Chapter he MUST, when the charter is issued, become a member of the new Chapter and the Grand Chapter by its action, in granting a Charter, dimits all of the petitioners from the old Chapter; it is the duty of the Secretary of the New Chapter to so inform all of the petitioners for the new Chapter, as soon as Charter is granted, at the same time tendering the amount of dues that any of the said petitioners may owe the old Chapter.

“This Edict sets aside the old law of the Grand Lodge permitting petitioners to *elect*, when a Charter is issued, to which body they will retain membership.

“The Text Book may give petitioners the right to *elect* to which body they may retain membership, but is in violation of the Edicts of the Grand Lodge and is not in force.

“I am therefore constrained to decide that all of the petitioners for dispensation for Paxton Chapter No. 184, become members of the said Paxton Chapter at the time the charter was issued, and I so rule.”

Such a *contretemps* could not happen under Pennsylvania law.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, disagreed.

“Since a charter was granted to Paxton Chapter in 1912, a controversy has arisen as to Companion Dow’s right to remain a member of Pearl Chapter No. 24; and on reference to the Grand High Priest, the latter ruled that said S. B. Dow was a member of the new Chapter, becoming dimitted from the old Chapter by virtue of the charter granted to said new Chapter; basing his ruling on Edict No. 24 of the Grand Lodge, said Edict becoming the law of the Grand Chapter by analogy See proceedings of Grand Chapter, 1904, also of 1912, page 60.

“Your committee recognize the validity of this ruling; had not Companion Dow been Secretary of Pearl Chapter at the time he signed the petition for dispensation to form the new Chapter, and continuing in said office during the year 1912, after the charter was granted for said new Chapter. The law of the Grand Lodge which also applies to the Grand Chapter by analogy, provides that the Secretary cannot dimit during his term of office, unless he shall have removed from the jurisdiction of the body he was serving officially, and said office, for that reason, having been declared vacant. See Masonic Code, page 34, Section 6, also reference to page 33, Section 5.

“Your Committee are, therefore, of the opinion that Companion Samuel B. Dow erred in signing the petition for a dispensation to form Paxton Chapter No. 184, while serving as Secretary of Pearl Chapter No. 24, and that his act in signing said petition was null and void, and of no effect; and that he could not legally become a member of Paxton Chapter during his term of office as Secretary of the old Chapter; and that the said Samuel B. Dow has never legally severed his connection with Pearl Chapter No. 24; but is still a member thereof in good standing; and any action that may have been taken by either of said Chapters based on the ruling of the Grand High Priest that said S. B. Dow was a member of Paxton Chapter No. 184, is also declared null and void.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$7,384.12.

Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion J. H. McCLISTER, writes the Report on Correspondence. He opens it as follows:

“The season of the ‘sere and yellow leaf’ turns our thoughts to the annual excursion through the Capitular world, and while we have not, as yet, received a complete passport to all the stopping places, we trust that neither ‘High Tariff,’ ‘Free Trade,’ nor the wanderings of the ‘Bull Moose’ will prevent our hearing from every Grand Chapter before the close of this report.

“The proceedings all indicate harmony among the brotherhood and the prosperity of the Royal Craft.

“We shall endeavor to notice the things that are different from our customs as well as a difference in laws, and excerpt some of the sayings of others that are beautiful in thought or expression. We hope our Companions in Tennessee may find something of interest to them in the following pages.”



This is another one of those boiled-down, double-distilled quintessences of a report from which nothing more can be extracted; but which is as vitalizing as the essence of beef, wine and iron to the reader who wants to know.

Pennsylvania is fully reviewed and a reading of the review is like a synopsis of our proceedings. The reviewer sees and notes everything, quotes briefly from Companion MEREDITH's introduction and approves his matter under Arkansas and Virginia. He also gives extracts from the writer's "closing."

He winds up by saying:

"We hope our Companions will find something of interest in these pages. Every Jurisdiction, save one, shows a net gain in membership, and peace and prosperity prevail."

MICHAEL F. FLENNIKEN, M. E. Grand High Priest.  
JOHN B. GARRETT, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## TENNESSEE.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in Freemasons' Hall, Nashville, beginning on Monday, January 26, at 9 A.M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion MICHAEL F. FLENNIKEN, delivered the annual address, which is an imposing document of about twenty pages. After the usual words of welcome and devotion, he says:



“Over four score years ago the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was organized and has grown in numbers and influence until to-day we have five thousand and four hundred and thirty-four Royal Arch Masons on our rolls. Time and eternity only can tell the good that has been accomplished by our Royal Craft. So, then, Companions, let us be up and doing, laboring in season and out of season for our beloved Rite, and when called upon by our officers for service in behalf of Capitular Masonry let us never falter or murmur, but do with our might what we are called upon to do, thereby doing the Master's will.

“From the returns now in the hands of the Grand Secretary we find there have been four hundred and sixty-one exaltations during the year.”

Feeling allusion is made to the deaths of the distinguished Companions of other Jurisdictions.

Commissions were issued to Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapters of Idaho, Kentucky, New York and Utah. And a Companion was recommended as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

A large number of Dispensations were issued, mostly to elect and install officers.

One new Chapter was instituted U. D.

One Charter was arrested and two Charters were suspended.

A number of recommendations were made, but, of course, they have local interest only. He recommends some system of instruction. He regrets that “in a number of instances” Chapters have not fulfilled the law relative to the recording of marks, and trusts that “it will only be necessary to call the attention of the Subordinate Chapters to this violation.”

Many visitations were made requiring the Grand High to travel “about thirty-five hundred miles.”

On the subject of the Old Man's Home, he sent the following appeal for donations from R. A. M. and Chapters:

“KNOXVILLE, TENN., April 3, 1913.

“DEAR SIR AND COMPANION—At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge the long talked of Old Masons' Home was launched. A Charter was secured in February, and the building of a Home for old, friendless, and indigent Masons is an assured reality, so let us do our *duty*. We first built a home for our orphans, which was opened in 1892. We next provided for our widows, and now comes the cap-stone of our charity—to provide for the Old Mason.

“The poor, weary, homeless Old Mason, in good standing, should be cared for, as well as the widow and orphan. ‘Who is more to be pitied and who is more worthy of our compassion and deserving of a home, food and clothing as he descends the sunset way?’ To-day in affluence and ready to lend a helping hand; to-morrow in poverty and nowhere to lay his weary head.

“The small sum of ten thousand dollars will erect the main building. A contribution of two dollars from every Royal Arch Mason within this Jurisdiction would erect this building. ‘A gift of twenty-five dollars shall constitute the donor a full member and will entitle the holder of the receipt to one vote in the election of the directorate.’

“I expect a liberal contribution to this cause from the Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee. We have few calls upon us as Royal Arch Masons for aid, and where can we make an investment that will bring larger returns?

“Send all contributions to Companion John F. House, 1817 Broad Street, Nashville. It is my order that this be read in open Chapter at your next stated Convocation, and that I be notified of any contributions made by your Chapter or individual members.”

This forms a fitting conclusion to a very able address, yet he goes on to treat of by-laws, a cornerstone laying, the Washington Memorial Association, Traveler's Aid Society, and then closes with thanks to the Grand Secretary and others for their “efforts in upbuilding our beloved Rite.” And finally he makes the usual promise of continued interest, after his term of office shall come to a close.



The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$8,669.14.

The Grand Secretary makes a full report, and from it we clip the following information:

“By reference to the abstract of returns it will be seen that the total exaltations were four hundred and sixty-one, the dismissals and suspensions not nearly so heavy as heretofore. The total Royal Arch Masons on the rolls December 31, 1913, are five thousand four hundred thirty-four, a net gain of two hundred and forty-two, more than double the net gain of 1912.

“On the whole, the work of the year has been much more satisfactory, and with the same push and energy displayed by the Grand Officers as was last year, much interest will be aroused, and greater activity and zeal manifested in Subordinate Chapters, than heretofore.”

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we find that:

“A square and compasses, a signet ring, three metal squares (Past Master jewels, three overseer's squares, one rough road, twenty-five chapter pennies, one lattice work, one pot incense, one serpent staff, one each crow pick and spade, one book of the law, one chisel and mallet, one set cable tows (three in one), one pot of manna, one budded rod, one keystone and two square stones for the Mark Master's degree, one breast plate, three hoodwinks, three pairs of slippers, one ballot box, one ark for Royal Arch with proper inscription, one ark for Most Excellent degree with proper inscription, one signet ring, one burning bush, one tabernacle, one arch for Most Excellent degree with keystone to fit, one book of marks, one Chapter manual, one dozen Chapter aprons. We recommend that before charters be issued that this necessary paraphernalia be provided, also that Chapters now under charter be required to provide themselves with these equipments, and report same to the Grand Chapter.”

The By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee are published in the proceedings.

Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JAMES H. McCLISTER furnishes the report on Correspond-



ence. His foreword is most interesting, and we clip it for the perusal of the Companions of this Jurisdiction:

“At the beginning of our annual journey it is only natural that we should, in memory, go back over many similar travels and recall the friends whose acquaintanceship was made through this correspondence. Some of them, alas! have written their last report. From their nerveless grasp has fallen forever the pencil, yet the memory of those friendships remain, notwithstanding their vacant seats at the Round Table are filled by new workmen and new faces appear at each recurring pilgrimage.

“These Reports are intended to provide for our Companions a summary of whatever may be found for comparison or emulation as well as to warn others against practices that are hurtful to our Order and subversive of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. In the earnest hope that our Tennessee Companions may find in the following pages something to interest them and encourage them in more perfect work, we start on our eleventh journey.”

We clip the following:

“Under Pennsylvania, quoting a decision of the Grand High Priest, that ‘Passing to the Chair’ belongs exclusively to the Lodge, and in support of the decision, Companion Meredith quotes the form of a petition: ‘The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that he is a Geometric Master Mason, a member of .....Lodge, No....., held at....., that he has passed the Chair, etc.’ Companion Titcomb says, and we most heartily endorse:

“ ‘If the foregoing does not strengthen our contention that the Past Master degree has no rightful place in Capitular Masonry, then we don’t know the difference between a hawk and a henshaw.’ ”

Yes! that’s what we think.

Again, under Connecticut:

“He agrees with Pennsylvania, and this writer, that the P. M. degree has no rightful place in Capitular Masonry. He is right, Connecticut law to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Under Maryland, he says:

“The Traveling Triangle had been received in the Jurisdiction by Druid Chapter, No. 28, February 9, 1913, and was presumably escorted to some other Jurisdiction, though we are left in doubt.”

Not yet. We hear that it is about to invade Pennsylvania.

Our proceedings for 1912 are very fully and intelligently reviewed. As with all the other Jurisdictions, the head lines present the essential facts, date, age, number of Chapters, membership and net gain for the year. He sees and notes all points, even to the fact that at the March quarterly, the Grand King, Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary were absent, and further on he notes, as follows, that

“At the September Quarterly the Grand Secretary was again absent, indeed he was not present at any of the five meetings of the year; the reason for which is not given.”

The reason is given this year. Ill health of the much beloved Grand Secretary, Companion CHARLES CARY, caused his absence and finally determined him to decline a re-election.

In concluding his review of Pennsylvania, he quotes the writer's introduction, Companion MEREDITH's views on Alabama law and *re* passing to the chair, under Connecticut. He agrees with Companion CASE, under Montana, *re* conferring the Royal Arch Degree on Sunday.

Under Texas, and alluding to the unlawful act of one who went over into Missouri and by fraud became a Mason and a Royal Arch Mason and then came back and tried to “visit” in Texas, he thinks this guilty one should be punished, and adds:

“I think he ought to be dealt with as the old colored preacher advised when the evangelist prayed that the sinners might be *curtailed* in their downward course. He shouted: ‘Yes, Lord, cut his tail short off.’ ”



In conclusion, he says:

“We rejoice with others of the Guild, that peace and prosperity reigns supreme in all the Jurisdictions. Our Companions are learning more and more the meaning and worth of our symbols, and that, in proportion as we practice the teachings of the Order, the higher do we stand in the estimation of the great and good men of the age.”

CHARLES M. HUNT, M. E. Grand High Priest.

JOHN B. GARRETT, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## TEXAS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas convened in its Sixty-third Grand Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple at Waco, Texas, on Monday, the 2d day of December, A.D. 1912, A.I. 2442, at 9.30 A.M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion C. L. ALDERMAN, presented a comprehensive document in his annual address. Among his opening words, he sensibly says:

“Perhaps the greatest benefit derived from our Annual Convocations is the closer association of our Companions who are interested in our progress; and the more intimate knowledge of our desires and needs is made known to all, and our labors are directed towards furthering the good ideas thus brought before us.

“Let us make the most of these opportunities to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection to unite our efforts into one common mass or edifice, which shall show forth the beauties of speculative Masonry.

“Masonically, the world has moved forward in every line with a steadiness which portends a realization of higher and better ideals, and a strengthening of the bonds of unity and of brotherly love.



“Masonry stands to-day before the world as the exponent of the highest type of manhood, supported and ornamented by brotherly love and affection.

“The past year has witnessed something never before brought to the notice of the world. I refer to the visit to this country of our Brother Jose Castollot, of the Republic of Mexico, who came here on a mission to enlist the aid of the Masonic bodies of this country in support of better government for his own. While no immediate result may be seen, the sentiment which found expression in this visit represents an entirely new idea in the world of Masonry.

“Again, but recently at Washington, D. C., was gathered the greatest body of distinguished Masons the world has ever seen, and their subject was PEACE.”

Proxy's were issued to constitute eleven new Chapters and six Chapters “have been set to work under Dispensation during the year just passed.”

Five Dispensations were granted to Chapters “to resume labor.” These Chapters, it appears, automatically “demised through failure to meet for three consecutive months.”

Of the Home for Aged Masons, he says:

“Situated about one mile west of Arlington, on the Fort Worth and Dallas Interurban Railroad, stands the Home for Aged Masons, their wives and widows.

“The building is all that could be desired, the furnishings are ample and complete, and the management under Companion J. Luther Johnson and his most estimable wife, Mrs. Carrah Johnson, is all that could be desired by the most exacting.

“This Home should appeal to every Royal Arch Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction with a peculiar and pardonable pride, it being the only institution in the world owned and supported exclusively by a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which pays all its bills, yet asks nothing in return, saying only to the Masonic Fraternity, ‘This is your home and we are your Brethren; if you have kept the faith, if your Lodge says you are worthy of its protecting care, then come and abide within the peaceful walls of this Home, bearing in mind always that the pleasure of the Royal Craft in providing it will be as great as is yours in receiving it.’ ”

We clip from his decisions the following:

“*Four.* A Brother employed in the Navy of the United States desired to petition a Chapter of this Jurisdiction for the Chapter degrees. His Blue Lodge membership was at Philadelphia, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He claimed his home as aboard the cruiser ‘Salem.’

“Ruling: Article 153 of the laws says: ‘The residence of a married man is the domicile of his family, and of a single man where he usually sleeps, and where he is entitled to vote under the laws of the State.’ He claimed his home aboard a vessel of the United States Navy. He would therefore not be a *bona fide* resident of this State, and therefore not entitled to receive the degrees here except by courtesy.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$14,586.83, which puts the Grand Chapter of Texas on “easy street.”

From the Grand Secretary’s report we clip the following:

“Statistics for 1912, as shown by the Returns:

Membership June 24th, 1911.....	16,815
Gain by exaltings .....	1,537
Gain by affiliations .....	247
Gain by reinstatements .....	51— 1,835
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	18,650
Losses by dimissions .....	444
Losses by suspensions .....	173
Losses by expulsion .....	10
Losses by death .....	245— 872
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Total membership June 24th, 1912.....	17,778
Net gain .....	963

“There are now on the roll 262 chartered Chapters; of these 160 show gain; 65 show loss; 37 have held their own; 5 have failed to report. Albany Chapter, No. 168, demised during the year, and has sent in all its effects.”

The Grand Orator, Companion T. T. VANDER-

HOEVEN, delivered an able and instructive address, which, however, is too long to quote entire and too homogeneous to clip from.

A most interesting report is from the Superintendent of the Home for Aged Masons of Texas, Companion J. L. JOHNSON.

### Then follows the Auditor's Report:

“To the Board of Directors,  
Home for Aged Masons,  
Arlington, Texas.

“Gentlemen: At the request of your Secretary, Mr. William James, we have made an examination of the records kept by the Superintendent, Mr. J. L. Johnson, and those kept by himself, showing the financial transactions pertaining to the conduct of the Home for the fiscal year ending November 22, 1912.

“The receipts and disbursements of the Secretary are shown in Exhibit ‘A’ herewith, while the funds received by the Superintendent and the payments made by him are shown in Exhibit ‘B.’

“The expense of caring for the inmates for the past year is shown in Exhibit ‘C,’ the cost per capita per day being seventy-nine cents.

“Inventories of live stock, implements, vehicles, farm products and provisions on hand at the present time, as furnished by the Superintendent, are given in Exhibit ‘D.’

“There were thirty widow ladies from the Widows and Orphans’ Home provided for during the year. A charge to that institution of \$6,658.91 is made for caring for them, at the rate of seventy-nine cents per day.

“All funds received were deposited in bank, and all payments were made by check, and the returned checks properly endorsed were produced as vouchers, and found to be correct.”

From the Report of Committee on Grand Officers’ Reports we clip the following, *re* the Snyder Resolutions relative to the prohibiting of Masonic emblems on monuments in National cemeteries:

“Under the above caption the Grand High Priest’s Address refers to certain resolutions passed by Snyder Chapter, No. 286, protesting



against an order of the Quartermaster General of U. S. Army, prohibiting the placing of Masonic emblems on monuments in National cemeteries.

“That part of the order complained of reads as follows: ‘All references to civil services, colleges, universities, designations of civil titles; university degrees, emblems or insignias of fraternal or other secret or civic societies, family crests, coats-of-arms, or other legends, insignias, badges, etc., not relating to the United States military or naval service; and the names of the persons, societies or organizations by whom erected, are prohibited.’

“It seems to your committee that the above order is general, and in no way discriminates against Masonry. Viewing the matter from a civilian standpoint, your committee confesses that it can see no good reason why a Masonic emblem worn by a United States soldier or sailor, perhaps dearly loved and cherished by him because of some beautiful truth exemplified by it, may not be placed on the tombstone after death, whether it be in a National cemetery or anywhere else in these broad United States. We can only account for it on the ground the War Department is jealous of its military titles and insignia. It is but just to say that the Secretary of War is considering the question of modifying this regulation, and as he has had his attention called to the matter, we feel that all has been done that is necessary or proper to be done at this time.”

The report on Fraternal Correspondence comes from the pen of Companion JOHN L. TERRELL, almost a veteran so far as years go, calling twenty-one the veteran age limit. He opens thus:

“Now that the heated season is past, the days cooler and the nights longer, your correspondent begins and fraternally submits for the information of the Craft his seventeenth annual review of such proceedings of English-speaking Capitular Grand Bodies dispersed throughout the globe as have or may have come to hand when ‘copy’ must go to the printer.

“We shall undertake to give to our membership all things deemed of sufficient interest which have transpired, as indicated by the Proceedings noticed, and cull the best thought of other writers, and occasionally speak our own mind frankly, but, we trust, courteously, and should our views differ with others, we accord to them the same privilege we assume—a right to their own opinions.

“This will probably be our last work in this line, and we hope it will prove of interest and profit to our Texas Companions; but let our co-workers in the Guild fail not to criticise when and wherever they deem proper, and spare not because we are leaving the field. We hope to continue reading their reviews and the proceedings of their Grand Chapters, and take no less interest therein because another and better-equipped reviewer shall take our place.

“With the hope that the readers hereof will be many and the critics few, we begin by telling you of the transactions of that grand old Chapter that stands at the alphabetical head of the list.”

We sincerely trust this will not be the last review from his pen. His work is delightfully readable and meaty.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. The reviewer touches all essential points, among them:

“On a visit to the Grand Chapter of Delaware, he was accompanied by our personal friend, Past Grand High Priest and P. G. M. Kendrick. We know that George W. proved a pleasing Companion for the occasion.

“In the volume we find a very handsome colored plate of the ‘Museum of the Library of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.’ We have been through this very handsome building, and our Pennsylvania Brethren are justly proud of it.”

Accept the writer’s thanks for the compliment on his conclusion. From his own conclusion we clip the following:

“We believe the foregoing contains sufficient of interest and information to be worth the reading, and we trust our Companions will take sufficient interest to note what the balance of the Capitular world is doing.

“This is our seventeenth annual report, and perhaps it is time you were having the benefit of the views, thoughts and ideas of some other Companion who is better able to instruct, to entertain and to please than your humble servant.

“We deeply appreciate the manner in which our work during the



years past has been received, and the many expressions of approval which our Companions have been kind enough to indulge in.

“We regret to part company with that splendid lot of Companions composing the reportorial guild. They are a royal set, and their work deserves many more readers than take advantage of their wisdom, skill and experience.

“While we have personally met but few of them, we feel as though they were intimate friends, and we trust it will be our privilege for years to come to read something of their annual reviews.”

JOHN L. TERRELL, M. E. Grand High Priest.

C. R. PHILLIPS, E. Grand Secretary.

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## TEXAS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas convened in its Sixty-fourth Grand Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple at Waco, Texas, on Monday, the 1st day of December, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

The graceful custom of welcoming the Representatives of other Jurisdictions present was pursued.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN L. TERRELL, in a lengthy and able paper, addressed Grand Chapter.

We quote from it several paragraphs taken from the opening:

“May our proceedings be characterized by a high and noble sense of duty to ourselves and to our Companions, and an effort on the part of each and all to aid in the orderly and brotherly conduct of the business in hand, to the end that the Convocation may prove a source of profit and pleasure. Let each Companion, both here and hereafter, as becometh a Royal Arch Mason, perform well his part, and show himself a vitalized



factor among the forces of life, of action and of light, and thus will Royal Arch Masonry be made to shine out with greater refulgence and brightness and be felt and helpful in the affairs of men.

“The nations of the earth, the churches and the religions may have their disturbances, their wars, and their fratricidal strife, but Masonry and its influences are undisturbed, and fraternal, brotherly relations and intercourse continue to unite her votaries in all countries.

“May we ever remain awake to the needs of mankind, and strive to accomplish our glorious mission among them; dispel ignorance, turn darkness to light, and lead the less fortunate in paths of peace and life that they have not known.

“Even in those early years of a new country, Masonry, with its gentle teachings, its ennobling and uplifting principles, with the men of the hour as votaries, exercised a widespread and quieting influence upon the lives and characters of the hardy and rough but sturdy frontiersmen who came in search of a new land, and to aid in building up its waste places. In our early years, Masonry did more than all else combined, human or Divine, to mould society and prevent bloodshed, strife, murder, treason and theft among the early settlers.

“As our country, our State, has built, so has Masonry widened her scope and influence amongst us, until to-day the Royal Craft of Texas, and our own Grand Chapter, stand, in some respects, in the forefront; even in advance of the Capitular world in her benevolent and charitable undertakings.”

Texas suffered great loss in the death of Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion CLARENCE R. PHILLIPS. Companion JACOB F. BRINKERHOFF was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

Charters were restored to a number of Chapters; eight Chapters were constituted and four Chapters were instituted U. D.

Grand Representatives were appointed for Tennessee, Utah, Western Australia and Maryland, and Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of

Texas were recommended for Idaho, Utah and Western Australia.

Lone Oak Chapter, No. 268, in conjunction with the Blue Lodge at Lone Oak, *owned the second story* of a brick building wherein they held their meetings.

“This building was burned, and lately the owners of the soil began the erection of a new building on the same ground, and the Lodge decided to take advantage of the *air title* owned jointly by it and said Chapter, and construct a second story thereon, and offered to *buy* the *air title interest* of the Chapter. On March 20th, 1913, by virtue of Art. 21 of our laws, I authorized and empowered said Chapter to sell to the said Masonic Lodge any and all title it might have in the premises, including the right to erect a second story upon any building to be constructed on said property; conditioned, however, that such sale should not in anywise create a present or future liability upon the Grand Chapter.”

The italics are ours and we are curious to know what an *air title* is and how its ownership is held.

Under Scotland, we take the following somewhat long, but interesting reading:

“The extraordinary course of the Grand Chapter in Scotland for some years past has challenged the attention of the Capitular world.

“A universal rule and principle of Freemasonry, accepted and regarded everywhere except by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, is, that where there is a Grand Body of any particular Rite, as to that Rite, it has, after its lawful, regular organization, exclusive jurisdiction over the particular state, territory or district where located; and that two Masonic Grand Bodies of the same Rite cannot occupy, have jurisdiction over, and constitute subordinates in the same territory, except in a state or province, etc., where there is no such Grand Body; yet Scotland persists in violating this well-known principle of Masonry.

“She refuses to recognize the Grand Chapters of New South Wales, New Zealand, and Western Australia, and probably others, because forsooth she had some subordinate Chapters in those countries when their Grand Chapters were organized. This, perhaps, is her right, but she strayed far from Masonry and her recognized and universal principles



when, after repeated requests from the Grand Chapter of New Zealand for recognition, she replied, in effect, that she was willing, but with the extraordinary and monstrous condition of 'mutual sovereignty' throughout the Jurisdiction of New Zealand. (See Proceedings of New Zealand, 1912.)

“And in answer to a similar request from Western Australia, she replied, in effect, that she would agree to 'fraternal intercourse,' but would not surrender any right of jurisdiction over the state of Western Australia. (See Proceedings of Western Australia, Convocations of October, 1910, and September, 1912.)

“But further, and worse, if possible, we are told in the Proceedings of Scotland, 1912, that during the year she chartered three Chapters in New South Wales, and that at least one of them is located near another Chapter working under charter from the Grand Chapter of New South Wales. One speaker boastingly declared that in New South Wales 'we have more Chapters already than the local Grand Chapter.' And again, in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, April, 1913, we find that she chartered still another Chapter in New South Wales.

“In the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at its Triennial Convocation held in Indianapolis in September, 1912, we find that some time during said year, the Grand Chapter of Scotland chartered and constituted a Chapter under its obedience at Manila, in the Philippine Islands. The General Grand Chapter has a subordinate Chapter at Manila, constituted some years ago, and since the organization of the General Grand Body, in 1797, it has claimed exclusive jurisdiction in all States and Territories of the United States where there is not a Grand Chapter. It promptly declared the Scottish Chapter in Manila to be an 'irregular body,' and prohibited members of Chapters under its obedience from holding Masonic intercourse with the members of that Chapter. The matter was made a subject of correspondence between the presiding officers of the two Grand Bodies. I wrote to the General Grand High Priest, and also to the General Grand Secretary, some months ago, for further information on the subject, but their answers gave but little additional information.

“Fraternal intercourse and relations exist between our own Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of New South Wales, New Zealand, Western Australia and Scotland, and Grand Representatives have been exchanged and are now serving. There is, and can be, I think, no doubt that each and all of these Grand Chapters have been lawfully and regularly organized in accordance with the established customs in that regard, and most of the Grand Chapters in this country have fraternally recognized them.



“Should we put aside for the time all other matters mentioned, I do not think it either consistent or Masonic that we should recognize and retain fraternal relations with both Scotland and New South Wales, when both Grand Bodies are claiming jurisdiction over, and chartering and constituting Chapters in, a territory directly and immediately covered by one of them. We could, with as much propriety, continue our relations with another Grand Chapter that assumed to come into Texas and constitute Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

“In her general principles, Masonry is world-wide, and her votaries throughout the land a band of brothers united in a common cause, and her landmarks and recognized rules should bind everywhere.

“There is no question in my mind that the fault lies with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and years of fraternal effort have failed to alter, change or amend her unmasonic course.

“I have, therefore, to recommend that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas renounce and discontinue her fraternal relations with the ‘Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland,’ and forbid Masonic intercourse between members of Chapters under our Jurisdiction, and members of Chapters owing obedience to the said Grand Chapter of Scotland, until such time as that Grand Body shall purge itself of its aforesaid unmasonic conduct, and that our Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the Grand Chapter of Scotland of the action taken by this Grand Chapter.”

From his decisions we extract this one:

“*Third: Soldiers*—Soldiers of the United States Army, temporarily stationed at Galveston, and not *bona fide* residents of this State, and who are members of Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, whether married or single men, cannot apply for and receive the Capitular degrees in the Chapter at Galveston or other Chapter in Texas. (See Arts. 152, 153, and Grand Lodge Law, Art. 461.)”

*Re the Home for Aged Masons*, he says:

“It is with pardonable pride that we call your attention to this concrete example of the true spirit of Masonry; the outward evidence and visible sign of that genuine, broad charity and brotherly love for which Masonry stands.

“What more fitting as a cap-stone to crown the achievement of the many years of labor of the Royal Craft in the Republic and State of Texas than the erection and maintenance of a splendid, well equipped, and well managed Home and Shrine for our aged, or decrepit and in-

firm brothers? Not alone for those who have trod the rough and rugged road to Jerusalem, and been received under the arch, the secrets of which are of Divine origin, but a resting place alike for our brethren who have been most graphically and forcefully taught the wonderful lesson of the resurrection. Our Home deserves our most loyal and enthusiastic support and good will, not because it is the only institution of its kind known to the Masonic or civilized world that is owned and controlled solely by a Grand Royal Arch Masonic Body, but because it is the means by which we are given the high privilege and unmeasured pleasure of contributing to the relief of our less fortunate Brethren who have taken the same sacred obligations that we have.”

On the subject of forfeiture of Charters, he says:

“3. Our law which provides for the forfeiture of the charter of a Chapter upon its failure to meet for three consecutive months, is, if not unconstitutional, badly worded, and is the only law of its kind known to Royal Arch Masonry, so far as I am advised.

“I recommend that Art. 120 of our laws be amended so as, first, to expressly provide that the charter of a Chapter cannot be annulled or revoked except by action of the Grand Chapter; and, second, that should a Chapter fail to meet for three consecutive months it thereby forfeits its right to meet again, and its charter shall be arrested by the Grand High Priest, and may be revoked by the Grand Chapter; but the Grand High Priest to have authority, within a given time, to restore the charter and authorize the Chapter to resume labor thereunder, and continue work unless the Grand Chapter shall, at its succeeding Annual Convocation, otherwise determine.”

He thinks:

“The Correspondence Report is not only excellent literature, and interesting to read, but, in the hands of a Companion with the skill and ability of the present chairman of that committee in Texas, it is a source of more knowledge, more information, and more of the essence, teachings and history of Royal Arch Masonry than the same amount of reading matter to be found in the lids of any other one book.

“I commend the Annual Review of this committee to your consideration, and trust that in the future it shall be more generally read by the Royal Arch Masons of this State.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$16,395.09.



From the Grand Secretary's report we clip the statistics for 1913:

Membership June 24, 1912 .....	17,778
Gain by exaltings .....	1,802
Gain by affiliations .....	316
Gain by reinstatements .....	81— 2,199
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	19,977
Losses by dimissions .....	536
Losses by suspensions .....	344
Losses by expulsions .....	8
Losses by death .....	299— 1,117
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Total membership June 24, 1913.....	18,860
Net gain .....	1,082

“There are now on the roll 269 chartered Chapters; of these 182 show gain; 61 loss; 29 have held their own; 1 has failed to report. Rule Chapter, No. 298, demised during the year, and voluntarily surrendered its charter, and has sent in all its effects.”

From the Grand Orator's address we clip the following:

“We have another element who would turn its beautiful, instructive ceremonies into burlesque and horse-play, and its temples into shameful places of carousal and debauchery. We have those who see nothing in the whole business except pomp, show and words. Men who dwell on ‘the’s,’ ‘and’s,’ and ‘that’s,’ letter perfect as to ritual, drowning the spirit and morals of Masonry in a sea of words, words, words.

“I have no sympathy with radical innovations. We shall not reach men by tampering with our principles, laws and customs. We shall only ruin our Order. Many so-called improvements have been offered and tried. The experiment has generally been disastrous. Of such innovations, that which is really good is not new, and that which is really new is not good.”

The Grand Chapter of Texas takes high ground in adopting the report of the Committee on Fraternal



Correspondence, of which the following resolution is the essence:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas renounce and discontinue her fraternal relations with the ‘Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland,’ and forbid Royal Arch Masonic intercourse between members of chapters under our jurisdiction, and of Chapters owing obedience to said Grand Chapter of Scotland, until such time as that Grand Body shall purge itself of its conduct in invading the Jurisdictions of other Grand Bodies, and in refusing to recognize such Grand Bodies on the conditions that the rights of Scotland to continue to establish subordinate Chapters within the confines of such Jurisdictions shall be reserved; and that our Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the Grand Chapter of Scotland of the action taken by this Grand Chapter.”

Texas is not of the union with the General Grand Chapter, as witness the following report:

“Your committee to whom was referred the resolution regarding this Grand Chapter again affiliating with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, would respectfully report:

“That we have had the subject under consideration, and have made extensive investigation into the facts and incidents bearing upon the past history of this matter; that we do not at this time feel prepared to submit a final and decisive recommendation, and appreciating that the question is one involving momentous possibilities, we would respectfully ask for further time, until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, that we may more fully study the entire matter. And we further ask that we be authorized to print our conclusions or report, and disseminate same to the constituent Chapters prior to the meeting of this Grand Chapter in 1914, and that the expense thereof be paid by the Grand Secretary by an appropriation to be made in 1914.”

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was prepared by Companion C. E. MEAD, and is printed in such fine type that its perusal is difficult and fatiguing.

Its author says in opening:

“We submit this, our first report on Fraternal Correspondence, and trust that it may contain information of interest and value for such of

our Companions who are desirous of knowing what is being done in the Capitular world.

“By a study of the work in other Jurisdictions we not only get new inspirations, but we can size up our own work, and judge whether it comes up to the proper standard. Besides this, by reading the reviews of our proceedings, by the intelligent, lynx-eyed critics whose business it is to commend the good, keep silent as to the mediocre, and swat the bad, we have a good chance to see just how we look away off. We have read somewhere that distance lends enchantment, etc. If that is true, it is fortunate sometimes that we were so far away from our critics. We are reminded of the philosophical musings of the Ayrshire plowman:

“ ‘O wad some Power the giftie gie us  
To see oursels as ithers see us!  
It wad frae monie a blunder free us.’

“It is in order for the writer to say, not to our Modest Grand High Priest, but to the Royal Craft in Texas, that, in undertaking to prepare this report, we have been most woefully embarrassed. Companion Jno. L. Terrell, with his native ability, culture and zeal, and with his long experience in this work, has set a pace no man in Texas can immediately, if ever, follow. His sound logic, great learning, forceful style, sparkling wit, and poetic imagination, have attracted attention throughout the Capitular field, and largely through him Texas has assumed an honored place among the Craft. He has left us some unfinished discussions we have hardly felt able to complete, and unloaded numerous ‘scraps’ with the various Correspondents. We are not able to settle all the dust he has kicked up while running loose over such a wide range.’”

We like the style, which is piquant, and opine that the author will make no mean knight on the Capitular field. We want a front seat when he rides into the lists.

Read this under Delaware:

“This is said over and over so many times, and so often, as hardly to leave room for a variation in expression, that it has become perfunctory.

“Of course, some such thing is expected, and we truly believe that every Grand Officer on such occasions is truly grateful, and expresses his heartfelt thoughts. However, we are inclined to think that too much time should not be taken on the subject, for, if we understand the true spirit of Masonry, no man is elected to office for the purpose of honor-



ing him, but it is because the one elected is thought to be fitly qualified to serve."

What called this forth were the words in the address of the retiring Grand High Priest who laid emphasis "on the distinguished honor which the Companions had conferred on him by electing him to his high office."

We bet we can pick out a set of phrases, current verbal coin of the realm, which can be arranged to fit into almost any Grand High Priest's address. "The rapid flight of time," "the fraternal hand clasp." "I regret that business cares," "I had hoped to visit all the Chapters," "The dread messenger," "the white veil above," "the Grand Master Overseer," and so on *ad libitum*.

Under Illinois, he says:

"One of the Subordinate Chapters got in trouble with the moon. It seems that they met by the 'light of the full moon,' and as it was not working just right at the date set for the election of officers, and as the moon refused to *change* just then, it took a special Dispensation to get the moon and the election together."

Then, under Indiana:

"He finds fault with our custom of using initials in giving the names of officers, Companions, etc., and says it is 'a lazy and indifferent practice, that will cause somebody trouble some of these days.' We notice from an inspection of the proceedings of Indiana that their custom is to give the first Christian name and use initials for the balance. As some people insist on spelling out all the Christian names it would seem, therefore, that Indiana has only gone a 'half hog,' and hasn't much room to criticise. We very gently and lovingly inform Companion Woods that our Companions are neither lazy nor indifferent, but follow this practice with malice aforethought. Our folks are a busy people, and their time can be more profitably spent than writing out so many long names, when a short cut answers."



Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. The following shows the form he follows in all of his reviews, of course allowing for change of name and date:

“PENNSYLVANIA—1912.

“One Hundred Seventeenth Annual—Philadelphia, December 27.

Chapters, 135. Members, 33,188. Gain, 685.

A. G. C. Smith, Grand High Priest.”

Of our report on Correspondence, he says:

“The report on Correspondence follows the custom heretofore adopted in that State of allotting different Jurisdictions to different members of the committee. The committee is composed of Companions William B. Meredith, Stockton Bates, John M. Core, Geo. Hale, and Geo. P. Singer.

“Texas was allotted to Companion Singer, but he failed to ‘sing’ about Texas, a little star beside that name in the list indicating that our proceedings did not reach the Grand Secretary in time for distribution.

“However, the report covers 200 pages as it is, and if it had included anything else as big as Texas the printer’s bill would have been rather high, to say nothing of transportation charges. The report seems to be a good one, and covers nearly all of the Grand Jurisdictions.

“The introductory remarks by Companion Bates sum up the general condition of Capitular Masonry in this terse manner.”

And then he quotes. Further on, he says:

“He accuses the several Grand High Priests of using almost identical language in their Annual Addresses, but says they are filled with the warmth of true Fraternity, tearful sympathy for those who have lost friends, brothers or Companions, and devout reverence to Almighty God. We agree with our worthy Companion in all he says, including the ‘language’ used by the Grand High Priests, and we might add that they all seem to be mighty glad they got elected.”

Under Tennessee, we are let into some ancient history, just how ancient, we cannot say. At least it goes down to the beginning of things:

“It is with a little more than ordinary interest that we read of the Royal Craft in Tennessee, for in one of the years past your humble scribe first saw the light of day in a little cross-roads village nestled under the shadows of one of the Cumberland Peaks in Coffee County, Tennessee.

There was a Masonic Lodge over a store in which he was general errand boy, and often at night on the 'full of the moon' his boyish imagination was excited to the highest pitch by some of the noises which crept down below, from the riding of the belligerent goat. His father was a zealous participant in those meetings, and from the impressions received at that early day the writer determined to 'go and do likewise' if possible. Although his boyish ideas of Masonry, thus imperfectly and clandestinely obtained, were woefully dispelled by an actual introduction into its precepts and mysteries, yet the love for the Noble Institution has continued to increase as he has gleaned from its rich storehouse of knowledge and goodness. It was largely on account of the high moral standing of the active members in the Order that first impressed him with its merit, and so it has been until this good day."

### Companion MEAD closes his review as follows:

"Our Survey of Capitular Masonry shows that the Royal Craft is in a prosperous condition, and that true Masonic light is being dispensed.

"The only lack of harmony seen is in reference to the rather arrogant claim of Scotland of the right to encompass all the earth and the islands of the sea. This is a serious matter where the jurisdictions of other independent Grand Bodies are being invaded. An amicable solution ought to be speedily found.

"There are still divergent views on dependent membership, physical disability, soliciting membership, Masonic Homes, remitting fees to the ministry, and a few other such matters; but in it all it is simply a difference of opinion as to how to best subserve the noble and praiseworthy work of Royal Arch Masonry.

"We have not made mention of the work in the Order of High Priesthood in reviewing the various proceedings, because it would generally have been the statement that the degree was conferred. There seems to be generally a lively interest in this regard, practically all the Grand Jurisdictions having conferred the degree on fair-sized classes at each convocation.

"We have enjoyed the labor of preparing this report, and trust the Craft will be repaid for reading it.

"With a deep fraternal feeling for our own and all other Companions, and a word of good cheer for 'ye scribes,' we bow ourselves out."

D. W. GLASSCOCK, M. E. Grand High Priest.

T. M. BARTLEY, E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.



## UTAH.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah convened in its Second Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday, May 14, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, at 10.35 A. M.

The Grand Representatives present were received with the Grand Honors and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion HERMON J. CRAVEN, presented his annual report.

He said:

“The organizing of the Grand Chapter has been for Capitular Masonry in our state like the ripening effects of the noonday sun, diffusing light and life through all the latent qualities that have lain dormant, dispelling the clouds of discord and jealousy, and blossoming into graceful life the beautiful radiating rays of charity, and to-day Masonry in Utah stands more firmly united, if possible, than ever before.

“And while we, as a Grand Body, cannot look back to the three-score years or more of glorious achievements, a feeling of pride wells within our bosoms when we realize that we are a part of that great institution that can point to its 50, 60, 100 years or more of great good accomplished.

“And when we look over the pages of history and see the names of the great and good men who have enlisted under our banner, men who have carried into their every day life the great principles inculcated at our sacred altar, we know by their acts and their lives that the foundations of our institutions are based upon the principles of eternal truth.”

This Grand Chapter at the time of the Convocation here reviewed was just two years old. Surely, a healthy infant for its age.

One Chapter was instituted U. D., and its officers



installed by the Grand High Priest, assisted by his Deputy.

Several informal and official visitations were made.

\$300—an amount equal to fifty cents per capita—was forwarded to the Ohio flood sufferers.

In closing, he says:

“May the deliberations of this our Second Annual Convocation be guided by justice and moderation.

“May the bonds of friendship here formed be more closely united as the years pass by and may each recurring spring time, with its bright sunshine, its beautiful foliage, and its fragrant flowers, be an ever reminder of the approaching of our annual convocation, and incline our hearts to this our capitol home.”

The Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers commended, recommended and approved everything.

The Grand Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$542.93.

From the Grand Secretary's report we find that there are four Chapters and one U. D. with an aggregate membership of 598. We follow with his table of statistics:

“Total last report .....	562
“Exalted .....	42
Admitted .....	20
Restored .....	2
	— 64
Dimitted .....	12
Suspended, N. P. Dues .....	7
Died .....	9
	— 28
“Net gain .....	— 36
“Total .....	598

The report on Correspondence comes from the pen of A. SCOTT CHAPMAN, and is his second. He plunges in with the General Grand, without preamble or foreword.

Under Arkansas, he says:

“The writer does not think a law which requires the payment of dues for the time during which a Companion is suspended for N. P. D. is a just one, nor would he reinstate such a Companion except by a majority vote of members present at the Convocation when the reinstatement was considered. If at that time he was defeated, and no charges had been preferred against him, a dimit should be issued to him.”

So say we. The payment of arrearages to the date of suspension restores a Companion to Good Masonic Standing or to Membership (under certain conditions) in Pennsylvania.

We clip the following, under District of Columbia, 1913:

“Grand High Priest gives an account of the reception of the ‘Traveling Triangle,’ a beautiful specimen of the jeweler’s art, which left the owner, St. Patrick’s Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, Canada, January 29, 1909, on its journey around the world. This jewel is to be sent to only one Chapter in each Grand Jurisdiction and was delivered to Columbia Chapter, No. 1, D. C., by Orange Chapter, No. 23, New Jersey, on October 30, 1912, accompanied by a large delegation from New Jersey and New York. It was in turn delivered to Druid Chapter, No. 28, of Baltimore, Maryland, on February 7, 1913, accompanied by 146 officers and members of Columbia Chapter and the Grand High Priest and officers of the Grand Chapter, District of Columbia.

“The ceremonies attending its reception and delivery were highly elaborate and interesting, and in harmony with the dignity and fraternal spirit of Masonry.

“Grand High Priest bids it farewell with this sentiment:

“ ‘On its long pilgrimage and mission of good will, love and peace, in its travels over lands and seas, we waft in soft and mellow echo: ‘God speed and a safe return to our Companions in Toronto.’ ’ ’ ”

A complete record of the journey of this "Traveling Triangle," with its welcomings and departures, the incidents on its journeyings, the roll of its bearers from point to point should make good reading for the future.

Under Illinois, *re* the inimitable WARVELLE's Postscript, he says:

"In this 'Postscript' the writer hereof finds much wisdom, wit and sentiment which he would like to transcribe, but a fear of the criticism of the powers that be impels him to withhold his pen."

Don't be afraid! Pitch in!

Pennsylvania is fully reviewed and he has this to say as to his views on the physical perfection idea:

"As to the first decision: We were taught that 'Masonry is a moral and progressive science, which each succeeding age has framed according to its own peculiar cast of thought.' Now, supposing that Brother Smith, as a member of his Lodge and in pursuit of his vocation, had been so unfortunate as to have 'lost almost half of one of his fingers.' Would this misfortune have deprived him of the ability to serve the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chapter, or the whole Masonic Craft of his State with the spiritual, moral and executive power with which he is distinguished? We think not. In operative Masonry, the physical perfection of the apprentice was necessary to the work he was to perform; in the speculative Masonry of this age it is the moral wholeness of the neophyte which we must demand, with such bodily excellence as will fit him for the work he is to perform and relieve him of the probability of becoming a subject of charity."

As to the second decision—

"That a member cannot make objections to a candidate in open Chapter prior to the report of the Committee on Inquiry."

Until this report is presented, there is no candidate before the Chapters to object to; and the orderly way is to have the reports of Committees read, for perchance the report itself in an individual case may an-



anticipate the objection by an unfavorable recommendation.

In closing his review of Pennsylvania, he says:

“Before leaving the review of Pennsylvania, the writer desires to remedy an error into which the reviewer of Utah has naturally fallen. Past High Priest Leatherwood declined the work of Correspondent, and as no one of experience in that direction was available, the G. H. P. decided to ‘try it on the dog,’ and the writer took the dose. The foregoing explanation is made to relieve Companion Leatherwood of all responsibility for the writer’s weak wit; had he, with his legal attainments, consented to ‘butt in’ on the job, he would have convinced Correspondents that he was a R. A. M. of ability and force.”

Not so, my lord! not so!

Under South Carolina, he says:

“For the information of those who may not understand what the ‘Texas Plan’ is, will say that it is a regulation or law which requires petitioners for the degrees in the Chapter to also file their petition at the same time for the degrees in the Council of Royal and Select Masters.”

He concludes as follows:

“In closing this my second effort at reviewing Grand Chapter proceedings I feel a sense of disappointment in that I have fallen so far below my ideals. Having no hope of approximating the excellent work of those experienced scholars who sit at the head of the correspondents’ table, I did aspire to a seat somewhere above the foot. Praying for a gentle criticism from my Brethren higher up.”

“Who shootes at the midday Sonne, though he be sure he shall neuer hit the marke; yet as sure he is, he shall shoote higher than who aymes but at a bush”—says Sir Philip Sidney. Your work has been well done.

WILLIAM J. LYNCH, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WALTER DANIELS, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

## VERMONT.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple in the city of Burlington, at 9 o'clock A. M. on Friday, the 13th day of June, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion HENRY D. BRYANT, delivered the annual address.

Of the condition of the Craft he says:

“I am pleased to report from personal attendance upon several district meetings and from the reports of District Deputies, that the Chapters are in a prosperous and flourishing condition. It was my misfortune through sickness to be prevented from attending the district meetings at Randolph, Woodstock, Bellows Falls and Barton, but I am informed by those in attendance that the several meetings were largely attended, that the work was well exemplified and in most cases nearly letter perfect. I attended the district meetings at Burlington, St. Albans and Hardwick. At each place the interest manifested was most commendable, and the work rendered impressively.”

A limited number of Dispensations were issued. He was obliged to decline the cordial invitation from New York. He acknowledged the greetings from Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, *re* Christmas observance and from several gatherings of Royal Arch Masons.

He says:

“No grievances have been brought to my attention during the year. The harmony and good feeling that exist among the chapters throughout the State confirm my belief that dissensions are *rare* among the workmen in the quarries and that the spirit of emulation of who best can work and best agree prevails.”

No new decisions were made, but a few questions were answered. Among these—

“Being asked to what extent a High Priest could control the methods of the work in his chapter, I said the High Priest has entire control in the matter and he should carefully see that everything connected with the work is done in the most dignified and serious manner. That in genuine Masonic work there is no room for anything like burlesque or buffoonery.”

We clip the Grand Secretary’s table of statistics:

“Number chartered chapters .....	30
Number making returns .....	29
Number showing work .....	27
Number Royal Arch Masons, 1912 .....	4,180
Number exalted .....	221
Number admitted .....	16
Number restored .....	3
	———— 240
Number dimitted .....	27
Number died .....	86
Number suspended .....	27
Number erroneously reported, 1912 .....	4
	———— 144
Net gain .....	96
	————
Number Royal Arch Masons, 1913 .....	4,276”

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$13,-605.47.

The Committee on Grievances reports:

“As nothing has been presented for our consideration, your committee congratulates the Grand Chapter, and itself, that peace and harmony prevail in all our borders, a condition which we trust may long continue.”

The Grand Lecturer made a full and comprehensive report of local interest.

Reports from the various districts are signed by the several District Deputy Grand High Priests and, of course, are of local interest.



The report of the Committee on Necrology is a notable document, and we find the name of Past Grand High Priest EZRA SCULL BARTLETT noted in the mortuary list.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion MARSH O. PERKINS, furnishes the Report on Correspondence.

#### Under Canada:

“The Michigan man had read the wearing of a crown was part of the clothing of a Royal Arch Mason, and was curious to know if 'twas true. The Pennsylvanian replied: ‘It is now, ever has been, and (we hope) ever shall be a part of a Royal Arch Mason’s clothing in Pennsylvania.’ Companion Bennett hopes ‘there is no resultant headache when the boys finally retire’ and adds:

“A good Scotchman was present at a meeting at which an eminent Shakespearean scholar lectured on his favorite author. At the close, the Scot approached the lecturer, and the following dialogue took place:

“‘Ye think a fine lot o’ Shakespeare, doctor?’

“‘I do, sir,’ was the emphatic reply.

“‘An’ ye think he was mair clever than Rabbie Burns?’

“‘Why, there is no comparison between them.’

“‘Maybe no; but ye tellt us th’ nicht it was Shakespeare who wrote “Uneasy lies the heid that wears a croon.” Now, Rabbie would never hae written sic nonsense as that.’

“‘Nonsense, sir?’ cried the indignant doctor.

“‘Aye, juist nonsense. Rabbie would hae kent that a king, or a queen either, disna gang to bed wi’ the croon on his head. He will hang it over th’ back o’ a chair.’ ”

Pennsylvania is reviewed; the reviewer granting liberal space for quotation and comment. He calls the address of Past Grand High Priest A. G. CRISWELL SMITH “a business-like” paper, and says later:

“He reports but three decisions, in one of which is found a renewed offering to the idol of physical perfectionists, the whole body of the victim, regardless of mental and moral qualifications, being sacrificed because forsooth of the loss of ‘almost half of one of his fingers.’ ”

Comment is unnecessary. The "perfect youth" theory does not appeal to him. If being "sound in all his members" is not a landmark, what is? It is the 18th *vide* Mackey. He (Mackey) says: "To attempt to alter or remove these sacred landmarks, by which we examine and prove a Brother's claims to share in our privileges, is one of the most heinous offenses that a Mason can commit."

Under South Dakota, *re* signers of the Declaration of Independence, we find the following:

"There is a tradition that all but three or four of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons and who were most active in laying the foundations of this government.

"There is a 'tradition,' too, that William Tell placed his apple-target on his son's head, and equally well grounded. History gives the number and names, eight or nine at the most, of the members of the Fraternity, who affixed their sign manual to that Declaration. The late General John Corson Smith of Illinois verified six of them, viz.: Benjamin Franklin, of Pennsylvania, Matthew Thornton and William Whipple, of New Hampshire, John Hancock, of Massachusetts, Philip Livingston, of New York, and William Hooper, of North Carolina. Bro. Marshall D. Haywood, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, adds the names of Hooper's associates from North Carolina, Joseph Hewes and John Penn. Granted one more of the signers to have been a Mason, as claimed by some authorities, but not fully verified, and the sum total is but nine. Fifty-six names were attached to 'the immortal document,' if we are not mistaken."

Under Utah, he says:

"An anonymous report on Correspondence is found in the appendix. Although incomplete, it is a fine piece of workmanship, as far as it goes, and worthy of acknowledgment by its designer. We hope to find Vermont included in the report another year."

The whole report is a very readable and instructive paper and he concludes as follows:



“Our report covers in review all American Grand Bodies of Royal Arch Masonry, except the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, from which nothing has been received. The published proceedings of foreign Grand Bodies present little of interest, beyond the fact that Scotland begins to show signs of weakening in her demands upon some of the Australasian Grand Bodies for a concession by them of acknowledged ‘mutual sovereignty’ within their respective Jurisdictions. Possibly her recent determination to locate a chapter in the Philippine Islands may be the means of establishing jurisdictional limitations, that shall become a universal law. If the ‘diplomacy’ of the General Grand Chapter results in anything tangible, it can but have its bearing on Scotland in her relations with the Australasian Grand Bodies, and aid in clearing the path to a full recognition of ‘home rule’ everywhere in the capitular world. Even if the General Grand’s ‘diplomacy’ fails in the first instance, none can question the ultimate results. But let us hope its ‘diplomacy’ may not fail.”

SILAS H. DANFORTH, M. E. Grand High Priest.

HENRY H. ROSS, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## VICTORIA.

A Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria was *holden* at Freemason’s Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, July 19, 1911.

M. Em. Companion GEORGE E. EMERY, G. Z.

R. Em. Companion H. M. KNIGHT, P. G. H., Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample, Antient and Solemn Form* at 8 o’clock P.M.

A petition was received from Companions resident



in Kerang and district praying for a Charter to hold a Chapter in that town to be known as Kerang Chapter, No. 23.

The Grand Treasurer reported a cash balance of £53:8:0 on current account and £150 on fixed deposit.

The Grand Scribe E. stated that United Wimmera Chapter desired permission to meet alternately at Stawell and Ararat, and approval was given.

A Quarterly Communication was held Wednesday, October 18, 1911; January 17, 1912, and April 17, 1912.

R. Em. Companion A. G. DUNLOP, Second Grand Principal, delivered an address on the subject, "Should all Craft Masons be members of the Royal Arch?"

"It may be that some Companions think that it is not proper, or in accordance with Capitular Masonic Line and Rule, to seek to induce by persuasion founded on good reasons Freemasons to take the Royal Arch Degree. While, of course, it is distinctly against the laws of Freemasonry to be instrumental in making Freemasons in any other way than their own voluntary inclination, uninfluenced by certain motives, based on certain basic principles well known to Freemasons, yet such rules, as I understand Royal Arch Freemasonry, do not apply in relation to members of the Craft. On the contrary, it is a duty upon Royal Arch Freemasons, I think, to bring under the attention of all Master Masons the desirability and benefit to them of joining our ranks, if for no other reason than to make that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge which they are enjoined to do upon their passage into the world of Freemasonry.

"As we all know from our experience of Freemasonry, there are members who join it, and, after a time, some longer, some shorter, fall out of its ranks. They find it not as they presupposed it would be, and their interest in it wanes till it dies practically altogether, so far as a participation in its working in the Lodges and a continuation of mem-

bership is concerned. These Brethren have never caught the spirit of Freemasonry, and though they must have benefited to some extent, even if by only having the principles of our Order explained to them, still our ceremonies are very much to them only a number of good words and ideas, without any vitality, and so they pass out of our ranks. It would, it seems to me, be hopeless to create an interest in Royal Arch Freemasonry in Brethren like these. Then there is another class of Brethren, who are anxious after they become Freemasons, and learn and practice the tenets and principles of the Order, to become Royal Arch Freemasons, and also other degrees, and by such means make that daily advancement in Masonic Art which by its practice will bring so much solace, benefit and comfort to them in their earthly journey until they are called to the Grand Lodge above. It is not necessary to approach these Brethren to induce them to become members, because their temperaments will compel them to do so when they become imbued with the teachings of Freemasonry. But there is another, and very numerous, class of Freemasons to whom it is necessary and, as I have said, makes it a duty on our part to interest them in Royal Arch Freemasonry, so that they will become active members of it. This class are those who attend lodge meetings fairly regularly, and take an interest to the extent that they are listeners and viewers of the work of their brethren. Many of them take office, and even become P. M.'s of their Lodges, and yet do not seek admission to the Royal Arch Degree, being content with the blue degree only. It is to these that we should earnestly direct our attention. True it is, perhaps, that could we impart to them the truths of Royal Arch Freemasonry, which can only be known to those who have learned them in the regular and appointed manner, there would be a much larger accession to our ranks; but, as we are not permitted to do this, let us consider if there are not means whereby we can reach these brethren, and attain the same object. We cannot, of course, tell them the actual secrets of the Royal Arch, but there can be no objection in telling a Freemason that matters which are obscure to them in the Master Mason's degree, for want of further light, will be better understood when they have taken the R. A. degree; and without going into further detail, a Freemason, if he remembers his teachings, will not desire to know beyond 'his present ken,' or think to do so, except in the regular and necessary way. It can be pointed out to our Brethren that there have been, and are, very many—some living, others passed away—who have attained high office among them, and among the rulers of the Craft, who have been exalted to R. A. Freemasonry, and have remained staunch Companions from the time of their exaltation. It may be pointed out to them that many of these Companions have possessed, and many now possess, a great knowledge of, and the highest positions in, the daily affairs of life, and have reached



and occupy, or have occupied, the highest positions and attainments in the intellectual world. From this can only be deduced the lesson that R. A. Freemasonry, in their opinion, is a most desirable institution, and, consequently, worthy of the adhesion of all true Freemasons as Companions of the Order. It is not the mere knowledge of what are the teachings of Freemasonry, or R. A. Freemasonry, that constitutes the true benefit of it to those who are members of either or both, but it is the practice of its teachings, and the continuous contemplation of its precepts and their application day by day, that confer upon those who so practice it true comfort and enjoyment. We are taught Freemasonry is not a religion, but a science, embracing all the sciences; and can there be any doubt but that these institutions, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols for our better understanding of it, is such a contemplative science that must make all those who study it the better in proportion to the extent of the study of it? Now, should not we who are apprised of the advantages that Royal Arch Freemasonry confers upon its active followers not make every effort to get those brethren within the fold who are not yet there? And as we know Freemasonry has, as one of its noblest objects, the cultivation and improvement of the human mind, then as we further know Royal Arch Freemasonry extends the knowledge and widens the mental horizon of Freemasons, is it not our individual and collective duty as members of this degree to bring this strongly under the attention of all Freemasons who belong to that class that should seek for further light and information, and urge upon them the benefits Masonically that must ensue to those who are exalted to the Supreme Degree of our Order, which we are taught, and know, gives to us an ample field for discussion, by which we are shown how to conduct ourselves in every situation of our existence?"

In Victoria the "tellers" at an election are called "Scrutineers."

"The Most Eminent First Grand Principal said that before proceeding with the next business—the installation of his successor—he desired to submit a short account of the progress of Royal Arch Masonry under this Supreme Grand Chapter during the nine months ending 31st December last, nine months only having been worked out to bring figures down to December 31, the closing date for statistical purposes fixed in the new Regulations.

"The number of Chapters on the Register was 19.

"The total membership was 703.

"The increase in membership during the nine months was 57.



“All Chapters had furnished returns to December 31, last.

“Seventeen Chapters had paid Grand Chapter dues to December 31, 1911.

“Two Chapters had paid Grand Chapter dues to March 31, 1911.”

M. Em. Companion EDWARD COULSON, G. Z.

V. Em. Companion G. L. MARQUARD, G. S. E.

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## VIRGINIA.

The One Hundred and Fifth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, Va., on Tuesday evening, October 22, A.L. 5912, A.D. 1912, A.I. 2442, at 8 o'clock, when, after prayer by acting Grand Chaplain, Ex. H. F. W. SOUTHERN, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Solemn Form* by M. Ex. Grand High Priest, STANLEY WATKINS MARTIN.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion STANLEY W. MARTIN, delivered the annual address.

Among his opening words we find this bit of flowery language, a sort of prose poem, which we quote for its beauty:

“But when I look about me and on every hand see that nature has once again kissed old mother earth good night, for her long winter's sleep, and the answer to that kiss has been a blush that has covered our hills and valleys with colors that equal those of the rainbow and makes our whole land one grand riot of color, then I know that another year has come and gone, and that again it is time for the Companions to meet in Grand Chapter, and to give of their best efforts to the upbuilding of the

Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that it is time for me to give an account of my stewardship during the year just ended.”

Further on he says:

“During the last few months it has been my great pleasure to call upon the Grand Secretaries of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, and in both instances to have spent a most delightful time with those honored Companions and received at their hands every attention and courtesy due your Grand High Priest.”

Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters, one at Claremont, the other at Pennington Gap.

Of Schools of Instruction, he says:

“There is no need for me to say a word to you in behalf of our Schools of Instruction, for there is not a Companion in this Grand Jurisdiction that does not know the value of these schools. Through them and our most efficient Grand Lecturer we have kept the work up to its present high state of perfection, and to-day there is not a Grand Jurisdiction that has better work than our own; thanks to the schools and our system of imparting the work through our Grand Lecturer and his able assistants. It was my intention to have visited both schools this year, but absence from the State and sickness prevented my doing so. The Grand Lecturer will make full report to you of each school, and I would recommend that the usual appropriation be made each school for the coming year.”

He recommended that the Grand Chapter require all requests to other Grand Jurisdictions to go through the M. E. Grand High Priest, saying:

“Much to my surprise, I find that some of our Chapters when they have requests to make of other Grand Jurisdictions write to Subordinate Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions direct, and never think of making the request through their own Grand High Priest to the Grand High Priest of the other Jurisdiction. It seems to me that common courtesy would demand that all such requests go from one Grand High Priest to another, but such is not the practice in some of our Chapters, and I would recommend that this Grand Chapter require that all requests to other Grand Jurisdictions go through our Grand High Priests to other

Grand High Priests. This is the custom of other Grand Jurisdictions, and should be ours.’’

He goes far afield in his retrospection, and we quote him for the interest he awakens in other than routine Capitular subjects:

“The past year, so far as Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is concerned, has been an uneventful one. I have had but one question of importance submitted to me for decision, and, so far as I am informed, peace and harmony prevails. In other ways the year has been an eventful one; we have seen China awake from her sleep of centuries, and in the space of a few days throw off its government of generations and take its place among the nations of the earth as a republic. The great republic south of us has been, and is still, torn by strife. The nations of Europe are fast driving themselves into bankruptcy by an ever-increasing debt to keep up their vast armies and navies; and as I write this, all of Europe is on the verge of a long and bloody war—a war that may change the map of that continent, yet, amid it all, the great I AM smiles on us as a people and a nation, and the Dove of Peace abides with us. Wherever the old earth has been tickled with the plow, her reply has been a laugh that has brought forth the bumper crops of the present season; our people were never better off or more contented, as a whole, than at this time; our charities are larger than ever before in our history; Masonry has grown more and is doing more truly Masonic work than ever before; from one end of our land to the other there is more of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God than ever before; the hum of the office and factory, and the song of the farm is heard on every hand. Truly we are a great and blest nation.’’

The Grand Secretary makes a full report from which we cull the following table of statistics:

“Number of Royal Arch Masons reported Oct. 1, 1911.....	6,552
Exalted in 1911 and 1912.....	423
Affiliated .....	74
Reinstated .....	8
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“Total gains to October 1, 1912.....	505
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	7,057



Deaths during the past year.....	85
Withdrawals during the past year.....	112
Suspensions for N. P. D. during the past year.....	110
Suspensions for U. M. C. during the past year.....	1
Expelled during the past year.....	4
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“Total losses during the year.....	312
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Membership October 1, 1912.....	6,745
Membership October 1, 1911.....	6,552
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Showing net gain for the year ending October 1, 1912..	193”

Chapters Nos. 66 and 67 were instituted by the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion W. J. HUBBARD.

The report of the Committee on Finance shows investments of \$1,000 in City of Richmond 4 per cent. Bonds; and the Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$308.22.

The Grand Lecturer makes a very full report, and in closing says:

“I have exalted one hundred and thirteen candidates and conferred the subordinate degrees on thirteen others, making a total of seventeen hundred and four candidates exalted during the fifteen years I have had the honor of serving you as Grand Lecturer.”

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was prepared by E. Companion CHARLES A. NESBITT. He makes each Jurisdiction tell its own story by deftly extracting quotations from the addresses of the Grand High Priests, the Secretaries and Committees on Correspondence.

As an evidence of how this work is done he reviews Pennsylvania thus:

“116th Annual—Philadelphia, December, 1911.

“No one answered for Virginia.

“The Grand High Priest said:”

And he then quotes from the address its beginning and ending. He then says:

“The report on Correspondence is the joint work of five Companions. Companion William B. Meredith, one of the Committee, introduces the report as follows:”

And then quotes his preamble and concludes his review by saying:

“Virginia for 1910-11 is fraternally treated.

“Companion G. P. Singer reviews 1911. He thinks it rather peculiar for a Grand High Priest (Mathews) to wear a Shriner badge, when his picture is taken for the proceedings. He says the address of Companion Mathews was eloquent. He has mixed up this correspondent with Wyoming, by saying the report of 1911 was my first; and then prints the conclusion of the Wyoming Companion.”

And quoting our conclusion entire.

Quotation from his report is impossible and yet it is a valuable paper; and we join in the hope he expresses in concluding his report when he says:

“Our review is completed, and we hope it will be read by some of the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction.

“We have extracted such items as we thought would be interesting and instructive.

“With kind wishes to all, we say, good bye.”

SOLOMON CUTCCHINS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

JAMES BRAXTON BLANKS, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## VIRGINIA.

The One Hundred and Sixth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia convened in Masonic Temple, in the

city of Richmond, Va., on Tuesday evening, October 28, A.L. 5913, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, at 8 o'clock, when, after prayer by Grand Chaplain F. T. McFADEN, D.D., the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Solemn Form* by M. Ex. Grand High Priest SOLOMON CUTCHINS.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion SOLOMON CUTCHINS, presented the annual address.

Two Chapters previously chartered were constituted by the Grand Lecturer, the M. E. Grand High Priest being unable to be present by reason of ill health and professional engagements.

No new Dispensations were granted, and we are told that "there is no place in Virginia where a new Chapter should be instituted."

The Schools of Instruction were "very interesting, and much good was accomplished."

It is suggested that the Subordinate Chapters set apart not less than three dollars from each exaltation fee for the benefit of the Masonic Home.

The incidental expenses of the Washington Memorial Association, will hereafter be defrayed from the net proceeds of the sale of Brother CHARLES H. CALLAHAN'S book entitled, "Washington, the Man and the Mason." Of it the Grand High Priest says:

"This book has been pronounced by competent critics 'a distinct and valuable addition to English Literature' and is said to be by far the most authentic and interesting history of Washington that was ever written. I



heartily recommend it to the Craft, believing that he who buys and reads it becomes the debtor of its author as well as a promoter of the cause for which it was written.”

Numerous visitations were made, and the usual apologies were offered in conclusion for what he terms “lack of initiative,” although there is no evidence of such lack.

We take from the Grand Secretary’s report the following statistics:

“Number R. A. Masons reported October 1, 1912.....	6,745	
Exalted in 1913 .....	509	
Affiliated in 1913 .....	57	
Reinstated in 1913 .....	16	
“Total gains in 1913 .....	582	582
		7,327
“Deaths during the year .....	71	
Withdrawals during the year .....	124	
Suspensions N. P. D. during the year.....	72	
Expelled for U. M. C. during the year.....	2	
“Total losses in 1913 .....	269	269
“Number R. A. Masons October 1, 1913.....	7,058	
Number R. A. Masons October 1, 1912.....	6,745	
“Net gain for 1913 .....		313”

The report of the Finance Committee shows the Secretary’s books to be in “fine shape,” and that the Grand Chapter has two 4 per cent. City of Richmond Bonds amounting to \$1,000.

The Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$431.85.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion W. J. HUBARD, makes an extensive report of his work for the year.

The Grand Representatives were duly and fraternally welcomed.

Virginia has a Deputy Grand Secretary, who is the appointee of the Grand Secretary, approved, as in Pennsylvania, by what they term the Grand Council.

### The Committee on Address of Grand High Priest

“cannot concur in the recommendation ‘that this Grand Jurisdiction be divided into four or more districts and that a Lecturer be assigned to each district.’ By the present arrangement of one Grand Lecturer this Grand Chapter is enabled to compensate one Companion, who is unexcelled in his knowledge of the ritual and who can and does give his entire time to the work, but the resources of the Grand Chapter never have been and are not now, sufficient to compensate four Companions for the time and labor involved, if the work of the office is to be properly performed. Your committee has no anxiety for the future; the esoteric and monitorial work is in the custody of six Companions, nearly all of them in the vigor and enthusiasm of young manhood and who zealously regard and maintain as a sacred trust the duty assigned them by the Grand Chapter, and added to this safeguard, there are Companions in every quarter of the Grand Jurisdiction, who are striving for the distinction of ‘A. L. P.’ in Royal Arch Masonry.”

The report on Fraternal Correspondence comes from the pen of Ex. Companion CHARLES A. NESBITT, and he says it is his last, and was “written during such time as could be spared from other exacting duties.”

We clip the following:

“Statistical table showing membership of Grand Chapter according to latest returns as compared with last previous report. There are no statistics from Ireland, New South Wales or Utah; and Victoria for 1911 not given.

“Compiled by P. G. H. P. Matthew M. Miller for the Kansas Committee.

Grand Chapter.	Last Previous Report.	Latest.	Gain.
Alabama .....	3,443	3,552	109
Arizona .....	672	687	15
Arkansas .....	3,906	4,076	170
California .....	11,471	11,893	422
Canada .....	14,106	14,721	615
Colorado .....	4,103	4,410	307
Connecticut .....	8,038	8,277	239
Delaware .....	1,012	1,058	46
District of Columbia .....	3,582	3,587	5
England*† .....	25,000	25,000	.....
Florida .....	1,938	2,143	205
Georgia .....	6,313	6,499	186
Idaho .....	839	981	142
Illinois .....	31,177	33,217	2,040
Indiana .....	14,128	15,017	889
Iowa .....	11,239	11,618	379
Kansas .....	8,834	9,116	282
Kentucky .....	7,943	8,593	650
Louisiana .....	2,881	3,109	228
Maine .....	9,461	9,666	205
Maryland .....	3,236	3,522	286
Massachusetts .....	21,457	22,053	596
Michigan .....	19,899	20,683	784
Minnesota .....	8,081	8,289	208
Mississippi .....	3,991	4,135	144
Missouri .....	11,905	12,649	744
Montana .....	1,558	1,688	179
Nebraska .....	4,544	4,410	166
Nevada .....	453	458	3
New Brunswick .....	716	783	67
New Hampshire .....	4,237	4,315	78
New Jersey .....	6,102	6,407	305
New Mexico .....	904	950	46
New South Wales .....	.....	.....	.....
New York .....	35,265	36,354	1,089
New Zealand .....	1,309	1,394	85
North Carolina .....	2,414	2,606	192
North Dakota .....	2,118	2,292	174
Nova Scotia .....	1,200	1,272	72
Ohio .....	30,248	31,703	1,455



Grand Chapter.	Last Previous Report. .	Latest.	Gain.
Oklahoma .....	3,725	4,131	456
Oregon .....	3,011	3,238	227
Pennsylvania .....	30,705	31,669	964
Quebec .....	1,248	1,298	50
Rhode Island .....	3,790	3,977	187
Scotland† .....	20,000	20,000	.....
South Carolina .....	2,415	2,584	169
South Dakota .....	2,787	2,930	153
Tennessee .....	4,748	4,979	231
Texas .....	15,843	16,815	972
Utah? .....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia .....	5,917	6,217	300
Vermont .....	4,075	4,147	72
Victoria? .....	612	612	.....
Washington .....	3,222	3,426	204
Western Australia .....	285	301	16
West Virginia .....	4,732	4,976	244
Wisconsin .....	9,568	9,940	372
Wyoming .....	770	804	34
General Grand Chapter .....	844	844	.....
	<hr/> 447,671	<hr/> 465,277	<hr/> 18,659

\* England Mark Statistics 60,632. † Scotland paying members 20,000 first return. ‡ England first return. ? No returns.

His review of Pennsylvania states that it is the 117th annual, held in Philadelphia, December, 1912; the rest is quotation from the Grand High Priest's address down to where the reviewer refers to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which he notes "is, as usual, the work of five Companions." And, he adds, "Virginia did not reach in time to be reviewed."

The "s" is left off the Grand High Priest's name. It is not well that it is Well, but it should be Wells.

Nothing to comment upon but the fact that if it

had not been for a good pair of shears, a discerning mind and a pot of Sanford's or some other paste, there would have been no report on Fraternal Correspondence.

In conclusion, he says:

“As this will be our last report, we wish to express to the members of the ‘Guild’ our high appreciation of their fraternal treatment, and for the very kind words they have said of our efforts. With sincere good wishes for all.”

J. W. C. BRYANT, M. E. Grand High Priest.

JAMES BRAXTON BLANKS, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## WASHINGTON.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington assembled in Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, Wenatchee, Washington, and was called to order by the M. E. Grand High Priest, WILLIAM G. ROWLAND, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM G. ROWLAND, delivered the annual address.

He opens by saying, we have again assembled for the twenty-ninth time, have many things to be thankful for, that none of the officers have died, the State has been prosperous, the ranks have grown and that God's blessing has been abundantly bestowed. Not so with other Jurisdictions—there disaster, floods

and drouth have befallen, calling for help which has been cheerfully given.

In his own words, we quote:

“I have used my best endeavor wherever the opportunity offered to instill into the minds of the Companions of this State a knowledge of the spirit of our Grand Institution—the pursuit of Truth: That it is not the number of degrees we take that makes us good Royal Arch Masons, but the practicing in our daily lives wherever it may be, the grand truths we are taught in conferring them.

“Humility and Truth go hand in hand, and when we live and work according to the ideals there set forth, God’s blessing will abundantly follow us.”

And yield our hearty approval for lofty teaching so well expressed.

A long list of the deaths in his own and other Jurisdictions forms a part of the report, and on the list we note the name of our Past Grand High Priest, EZRA SCULL BARTLETT.

The Grand High Priest issued what he termed Official Bulletins. No. 1 to the constituted Chapter’s appeals for an increase of membership by effort to affiliate the non-affiliates and to awaken interest by the preparation and reading of papers for the benefit and instruction of the Companions. No. 2 treats of thanksgiving observances. He quotes the Proverbs of Solomon III, 9-10, and asks, “How shall the Companions of Washington obey the admonition of the great Solomon?, answering the question by putting it up to the “acts and deeds” of the Companions. No. 3 treats of the need of the flood sufferers, which was met by voluntary contributions from fourteen of the thirty-six Chapters of the Jurisdiction.



Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters U. D., and a great many visitations were made.

But one decision was rendered which seems to us eminently just and equitable. Through some error the name of a Companion was retained on the roll of a Chapter after he had become a member of another Chapter, and in which he was in good standing, although dues had accumulated in the Chapter from which he resigned. The erring Chapter says:

“I am unable to locate any correspondence in regard to the matter at all in our old files. We are unable to decide who Companion —— belongs to and at our last Convocation I was instructed to refer the matter to the Grand Secretary for instructions and a ruling.

“We would be willing to remit Companion —— dues and grant him a dimit, providing Grand Chapter dues were refunded, as they have been duplicated for the past three years.”

The Decision on this case is:

“that Companion —— in 1908 was a member in good standing in Ellensburg Chapter, No. 11, and same year received a certificate to that effect having his dues paid in advance to March 31, 1910. With this certificate he joined with other Companions in a petition to form a new Chapter at Kent to be known as Carnation U. D. The Secretary of this new Chapter claims to have notified all Chapters interested, and in the next year annual reports which you received the names of those Companions forming Carnation Chapter was reported to you, which included that of Companion —— . Other Chapters interested did not report any duplicate membership and it looks to me as if some one in Ellensburg No. 11 had overlooked or neglected to take notice and make the necessary notations at the time, and I must decide Companion —— to be a member in good standing in Carnation Chapter, No. 29.

“In regard to the dues, \$8.25, had your Chapter regarded Grand Chapter By-Laws, Section 52, he would not have owed you this amount, and the loss is yours.”

In conclusion, he recommends that “some provision be made to make the floor work more uni-

form," and that some one be appointed to visit and instruct the Chapters; and that a suitable amount be set aside to enable the Grand High Priest to visit the Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$3,869.65.

The Secretary presents his twenty-fourth annual report, and from the statistical table we learn that there are thirty-three Chapters and three U. D. with a membership (1913) of 4130—a net gain of 436.

The Grand Orator's address is a voluminous paper, very readable and interesting, but too long to quote entire, and too homogeneous to quote from.

The report on Correspondence—the twenty-third—comes from the pen of that veteran reviewer, Companion YANCEY C. BLALOCK. He is, if anything, more terse than usual, each Jurisdiction reappearing in miniature, after his boiling down process. He quotes freely and with discrimination.

Pennsylvania is reviewed in a little over a page, mostly statistics and quotation of decisions without comment.

In his conclusion, he says:

"There seems to be Peace and Harmony all along the line in Royal Arch Masonry, some even claim that mankind is getting better, we hope so, we know there is less 'growling and less quibbling over technicalities' than there was twenty years ago and which we think is a good indication. We would like to 'talk back at the other fellow' sometimes, but after thinking it over we realize he has just as much right to his opinion as we have to ours and we feel better satisfied with ourselves than if we had 'started something.'

“To our Companions of the ‘Round Table,’ we thank you even for your criticisms, as they make us feel that you look at our reports enough to think you are at liberty to comment, even though it is unfavorable to us.”

JOHN C. MINTON, M. E. Grand High Priest.

YANCEY C. BLALOCK, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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### WEST VIRGINIA.

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charleston, on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, A.D. 1912, A.I. 2442, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion HARRY S. CUSHWA, read the annual address. Among his opening words he says, after his exordium:

“The past year has been fairly prosperous. The charters that were granted have been instituted. I hope the showing they make will justify you in granting them. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire jurisdiction, and it is gratifying to know the splendid condition of the Craft and the interest everywhere manifested in its welfare. The School of Instruction at Charleston was not very well attended owing to the political contest throughout the country, and it was thought best not to hold the one at Clarksburg for that reason. But the work is more uniform throughout the State.”

Further on he says:

“During the year I was able to make but few visits, owing to pressure of business.”

It seems that we have read these or words to this effect before.



The address is short, and he says in conclusion:

“I hope and trust that this Forty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter may be so harmonious that we may go away charmed with and strengthened by the spirit of brotherly love, and our hearts filled with nobler and more earnest desires to bless and uplift mankind.”

The Grand Treasurer reports cash and securities in the sum of \$7,020.47.

From the Grand Secretary's report we clip the following:

“Concerning Grand Representatives, it occurred to me a good while ago that it would not be uninteresting to the members of this Grand Chapter to have just a short item of information concerning as many of them as I could reasonably gather, believing that it would at least be some satisfaction to us to have an idea as to what kind of men they were. The following is the result of my research along this line:

“Companion John C. Wallace, of Pennsylvania, is Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and is a Trustee of the University of Pittsburg.”

and so on down the list, he has patiently and lovingly ear-marked each of the Grand Representatives, and it is a most interesting list. And he winds up the list by saying:

“Thus you see, Companions, we are represented in other Grand Jurisdictions by men who are prominent and successful in every walk of life, and are men for whom we can have the greatest confidence and respect.”

From Companion REED's table of statistics we learn that there are thirty-eight Chapters and one U. D. with a membership, in 1912, of 5607.

From the Grand Lecturer's report, presented by Companion JOHN W. ASHLEY, we learn that Schools of Instruction were held with satisfactory results.

A new Past Grand High Priest's jewel was procured and presented to P. G. H. P. Companion C. S. McKENZIE with an appropriate address of presentation and acceptance. The jewel was to replace one destroyed by fire.

“Several years ago, when fire devastated and destroyed his residence, in addition to the entirety of his worldly effects, his Past Grand High Priest's jewel was a part of the loss. This trophy was highly prized by our Brother, it being a pleasant reminder of the year in which he governed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Subordinate Chapters under its obedience, and the absence of it on his coat, at the various meetings of the Grand Chapter, since its loss, has been a source of much regret to Brother McKenzie's close friends and admirers. In order, therefore, to compensate in a measure, for this loss and to still further emphasize the appreciation of the Grand Chapter, it was ordered at the last session that a new jewel be purchased for him, and it has been my good fortune, at the request of the Grand High Priest, to bestow it on our worthy Past Grand High Priest on this occasion.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the pen of the R. E. Grand Secretary, Companion D. K. REED, Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee. He opens his report by saying:

“When Companion Nichols and I prepared the Correspondence Report two years ago, in 1910, we felt sure we would never be called upon to do the like again, for we knew that our abilities were not up to the standard of such as a good Correspondent should possess, and therefore we would never have it to do, by reason of being regularly appointed as Chairman of the Committee; and we did not think, for a minute, that a similar set of circumstances would ever occur, by which the duty would be *thrust upon* us again; but it seems, in every-day life in this country, it is ‘the unexpected’ that is sure to happen. So it was, here.

“We performed this duty two years ago because we were members of the committee, and Companion Baines, who was Chairman, died, and the Grand High Priest insisted that he would ‘leave it with the committee.’ ”

The report is a good one and well worthy of a perusal. It is, however, a compendium, and therefore



not adapted for the use of a fellow with scissors and paste-pot.

Pennsylvania is reviewed very fully and fraternally.

“The book of proceedings of Pennsylvania for 1910, instead of being begun by a picture of the Grand High Priest, is opened with a beautiful illustration of the ‘Grand Banquet Hall,’ Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial of the initiation of Brother George Washington, November 5th, 1902. We would like to reproduce this plate in our proceedings; not being able to do that, we would like to describe it so that the Companions of West Virginia could see it, for it is certainly beautiful from every standpoint; beautiful in that way and manner which Pennsylvanians alone can accomplish, but after all, ‘what’s the use?’ We did not have the privilege of attending; from the picture we cannot get the taste of the good things, from looking at the color scheme we cannot enjoy the fragrance of the flowers, so we simply cannot describe it. We can only say it was perfect in every appointment because it was done in Pennsylvania, and then let it rest.”

It would have given us pleasure to have you present. Come on and see us and we’ll show you “what’s the use?” We say this to you particularly because you say:

“We rather like this plan of holding Quarterlies as well as the Annual Communications, and frequently wish that we lived in Pennsylvania, for personally, we are very fond of attending Grand Chapter, and being so fond of it, would much rather live in a State where they have five of them instead of one, each year.”

Companion P. G. H. P. SUNDSTROM is largely quoted, and our conclusion for that year (1910) is quoted entire. Many thanks! Many thanks! So also for 1911. This is too much honor. So you say Companion HALE was moved up, and then he concluded to drop out. Companion SINGER followed and he quit. The new appointee thought his duties did



not begin until the 1914 proceedings were published and so, just as we were going to press, the writer found that he must take up the pen, sharpen his scissors and buy a new pot of paste and review these Jurisdictions that fall alphabetically at the Omega end. Brevity is necessary on account of time, and we must apologize for any seeming oversight. The brevity we are speaking of is not the soul of wit; but necessity is the sole reason for brevity.

Companion REED thus concludes:

“Our work, as correspondent, is done once more. Before, we had a partner in the game, on whose willing shoulders we could lay a part or all the blame for whatever ‘went wrong,’ but this time we had to ‘go it alone,’ and therefore must acknowledge it *all* as our own, good, bad and indifferent, and the only thing we can do is to trust our effort to the tender mercies of those who read—if *any* there be.”

FRANCIS E. NICHOLS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

D. K. REED, P. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## WISCONSIN.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was opened in *Ample Form* in the Royal Arch degree in the Masonic Building, corner Jefferson and Oneida Streets, in the city of Milwaukee, on Tuesday afternoon, February 18, at two o'clock.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion ROBERT B. LANG, delivered the annual address. He opens as follows:

“To the sum of our years another has been added since we met in Annual Convocation, and it is with profound gratitude to the Great I Am for His guidance in the performance of the duties of the High Office with which you have honored me, that I stand here to welcome you to the sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin.”

He refers touchingly to the *honored* dead and says:

“We would not, if we could, have the time to come when we shall grieve no more for those Companions who were dear to us and who have gone to the homeland before us.

“We do not altogether lose them while we keep their memories in our hearts, we fondly recall their good deeds and see their faces still imaged within us, for we rejoice that they are not dead, ‘only away,’ as if they were on a long journey or in a far land, and the sweetest words in all the languages, and expressing the Mason’s hope, are now at my command, and with the faith of a Royal Arch Mason I use them to express the hope of every Companion in this presence.

“The words are, *auf wiedersehen*.”

One Chapter was constituted—No. 85, at Spooner.

Four Representatives near other Grand Chapters were appointed, one of the number being Companion WILLIAM E. PERRY, of our Jurisdiction.

A Commission on his recommendation was received by Companion WALTER A. WEST as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Utah near the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Visitations were made to twenty-six of the eighty-six Subordinate Chapters, and he says:

“To reach these twenty-six Chapters, I traveled by railway five thousand three hundred and eighty-five miles.”

He declined to grant a Dispensation to receive and act on a petition from a “Brother who had become a

resident of Ladysmith by removal from the State of Iowa some three months before.”

He held—

“that a candidate for the degrees must have resided within the State of Wisconsin one year preceding the presentation of his petition, and I hold that until he has resided in this Jurisdiction a full year there is no power anywhere vested to make it lawful to receive his petition. After the petition has been lawfully received, by conforming to the statute as to length of residence then the Grand High Priest may in his wisdom grant a dispensation to shorten the time for acting upon the petition or for conferring the degrees.

“On November 4, I received a letter from the Secretary of Merrill Chapter, No. 72, asking if his Chapter may lawfully receive the petition for affiliation of a Companion who demitted from Merrill Chapter in 1902 and has ever since resided in Pennsylvania, and who now desires to regain his membership in Merrill Chapter, though continuing a resident of Pennsylvania.

“I advised that the Companion’s petition for affiliation could not lawfully be received by Merrill Chapter.”

We cannot imagine why. Certainly, Pennsylvania would claim no jurisdiction. If the petitioner had not been a Royal Arch Mason, that would have been another matter.

*Re* dependent membership, he makes the following recommendation:

“This subject is worthy of consideration, to the end that the foundation of Masonry (‘The Symbolic Lodge’) may have its and our best interests subserved.

“I would therefore recommend that our capable Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence take up the subject of Dependent Membership, and discuss it in all its phases and, if they think it proper, introduce a resolution at this Annual Convocation, to be laid over until the next Annual Convocation for action, requiring all Companions to be affiliated in their respective lodges in order to make their membership in Constituent Chapters of full force and effect.”



## On the question of Income Tax:

“On the morning of April 25, by previous arrangement, I met with the Trustees and some other Officers of the several Grand Bodies, at the Office of our Grand Secretary, to formulate a plan of defense against an attempt made in certain places to impose an income tax on our Masonic bodies. Later this question was tried out before the Tax Commission at Madison, and it is expected that the proposed imposition of such a tax has been abandoned.”

## And the following conclusion is worthy of note:

“And in conclusion let me say that during more than forty years in Masonry, I have come to believe that the Companion who has been so fortunate as to fully accept and absorb the spirit of Masonry, is thereby in sympathy with everything that is good and true. He is charitable and merciful in his judgments, he has learned how to make friends and keep them, because he thinks well and not evil of other men; he can look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye; he sees something to love in a little child; he can look out on the world and see something besides dollars and cents; he can look into a puddle by the road-side, and see a clear sky, rather than only mud; he can look upward at night and see beyond the stars; and besides all this, he is one who has learned to know that:

“ ‘Evil is impotent,  
Sorrow a dream,  
Good is omnipotent,  
Love is supreme.’ ”

We note that our Grand Representative, Companion HOMER B. HUBBELL, was present and we feel sure represented us with becoming grace and ability.

The Grand Treasurer in his “forty-second” report shows a balance on hand of \$5,832.00, and states that this is the first time in forty-two years that all dues are paid at the commencement of the session.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries opens with this beautiful flight and hopeful sentiment:

“At Saladin’s banquet to Richard Coeur de Lion was displayed a lance, bearing a shroud, with this inscription: ‘Saladin, King of Kings; Saladin, Victor of Victors—Saladin must die. Death is inevitable.’ We live here in a variety of relations, of occupations, sufferings, pleasures, possessions, opportunities; of all these, and everything else that pertains to earth and to time, DEATH is the final close. Every marriage must soon or late leave a widower or a widow; every birth a mourning parent, or an orphan child; every growing family, bereaved brothers or bereaved sisters; every exaltation to Royal Arch Masonry, sorrowing Companions. In seeking a fortune, we may make new trials when we fail in one; but dying is one solemn final eternal experiment. The voyager launches upon a shoreless sea, and never returns to the land he leaves. The tide of life will roll on, the bustle of the world will continue, friends will meet in smiles, and part in tears as before, flowers will bloom and stars will shine, empires will rise and fall, the sower will walk forth and scatter in hope, the reaper will gather the sheaf, autumn winds will moan and fierce wintry storms will drive in anger past; the cheerful hearth will chime its crackling notes of comfort with glad music of fireside joys, but all this disturbs not any of the 138 of our dear Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction who during the year have passed under the shadow and explored the mysteries of dissolution. But the cup of *remembrance* forever stands filled with libations which the worm-wood of tears has stained. Let us linger for a while at each of these new made graves and sing in subdued tones our solemn yet hopeful dirge:

“ ‘Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb,  
Take this new treasure to thy trust  
And give these sacred relics room,  
To slumber in the silent dust.  
Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear  
Invades thy bounds; no mortal woes  
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here,  
While angels watch the soft repose.’

“And as we stand thus upon the outer verge of mortal life and project our anxious thoughts into the dark future, what yearning desire takes hold upon us to solve the problem of humanity. What restless anxiety to break over and go beyond the narrow limit that bounds our horizon! Happy he upon whose longing weary soul breaks the rising star of heaven’s own most glorious truth bringing life and immortality to light. To this light the soul instinctively responds recognizing the glorious truth that ‘God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all.’ In this revelation the great problem of human life, the nature and destiny of man



is solved. It is presented not in the form of mere hypothesis, not in abstruse, metaphysical theories, but in the clear broad statement of immutable truth, MAN IS IMMORTAL.

“When the Almighty had molded the dust into a form of beauty and majesty fit to become the abode of, and to be animated by a *Spirit*, it was not left inanimate and dead. A mysterious and sublime emanation from Himself was infused into the molded dust—a principle of feeling, of thought, and of action, a germ of immortality and the man became a living soul. The union of these two elements—body and soul—constitute the sublime mystery of humanity. This mysterious blending of our physical and spiritual natures, this union of matter and mind, makes us what we are. All we have enjoyed of life, our intercourse with the world, all the social intimacies, relationships and endearments of life have come to us through and by virtue of this mysterious union, the separation of these elements, the bursting asunder of its bond of our being, leaving the body a lifeless wreck, while the spirit departs to regions and scenes beyond we call death. But is this the end of all? Do we not as Free and Accepted Masons believe in a *being raised from the dead*, and subsequent revelations of that which was lost by death? Even the restoration of the ineffable name?”

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence does “not advise an extension of the constitutional powers of the Grand High Priest.”

Companion SAMUEL WRIGHT presents the report on Foreign Correspondence. He says, “As heretofore we have endeavored to make it as short and concise as the facts would permit, though even then it is longer than desired.” And further adds:

“We hope correspondents of Jurisdictions receiving little space herein will, as intended, regard it as a compliment, rather than a slight, signifying that in our judgment their proceedings are within Capitular rule and for the general advancement of our branch of Ancient Craft Masonry.”

To one who uses scissors and paste-pot the way we do, condensation is not so desirable. But if “brevity is the soul of wit,” then this report of Companion WRIGHT’s must be the acme of wit.



Now, right here under Arkansas, we are able to pick up this bit of wisdom with which we heartily agree:

“We always have understood the object of granting further time was for the purpose of preserving the standing of the financially unfortunate Companion who, though poor, is presumed to be honest until judgment to the contrary is rendered. Any other theory does not impress us as being either Masonic or American.”

In Pennsylvania, so long as a Companion is not suspended, expelled, resigned or dead and has no charges pending against him, even though in arrears, he is in G. M. S.

With regard to the second, which was that a Companion not a member cannot be appointed sentinel. In halls with Masonic meetings, say every night, an experienced sentinel for all, we think, will give better satisfaction than a different one every evening. We find it so at least.

We have read the report with interest, but found in its perusal that extract and comment were so deftly interwoven as to make quotation from it almost impossible.

In his review of Pennsylvania, all salient features are noted and reported even to the fact that, as he observes it,

“The Mark Lodges decreasing in membership would indicate that their separate existence is not popular.”

They are not unpopular, but their *raison d'être* no longer exists. The Mark Lodge is now a part of the

Capitular system, and Mark Lodges as separate organizations, except in the three remaining instances, no longer exist.

He alludes to P. G. H. P. Companion SMITH's decision that "a color" was "not a device within the terms of the requirements," and adds:

"We regret he did not give his reason for this decision."

We think the reason lies in the fact that a "color" is not a "device" that may be engraved. If a M. M. M. named Redfield used a rebus for his mark, the color red and a picture of a field, the color itself could not be engraved and would therefore not be suitable in a Masonic sense for his mark or a part thereof. In the writer's opinion, a mark should consist of some simple combination of lines and angles such as might have been used by an operative Mason to sketch upon his work.

He thus concludes:

"Discussion, consideration and the occasional adoption of the so-called 'Texas plan' continues, the object of which being to practically make obligatory the Council degrees, which is usually accomplished by requiring a petition and the fee for the same at the time the Chapter petition is presented.

"The abolition of territorial jurisdiction between subordinate Chapters is seriously under consideration in several jurisdictions. In its favor it is urged that Master Masons should be encouraged rather than discouraged to complete their knowledge in Ancient Craft Masonry, which may be accomplished to some extent by permitting them to petition the Chapter most convenient. We notice where the Scottish Rite Bodies are active competitors of the Chapter, this subject is particularly prominent.

"That the province of the G. H. P. in his decisions is simply to interpret the law as it exists, and not to legislate, has been particularly

emphasized in cases where, in the apparent absence of a rule, the G. H. P. followed a Grand Lodge statute not previously recognized.”

HOMER C. CLARK, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## WYOMING.

The Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Royal Arch Masons, met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Evanston, Wyoming, on Thursday, March 13, A.D. 1913, A.I. 2443, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called and those answering to the call were welcomed in the following words:

“We feel honored by your presence on this occasion, and it affords us much pleasure and satisfaction to be assured of the continuance of the fraternal relations that have existed and we trust may always exist with our sister Grand Jurisdictions.

“Please convey to your Grand Chapters our cordial fraternal greetings.”

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion R. H. LAWRENCE, delivered the annual address.

He trusts that he has been enabled to—

“present work that will bear the test of the Grand Overseer’s square, that we have been enabled to exemplify in our lives those principles which are inculcated within the Sanctuary, that we may have been stimulated to greater activity and zeal in the discharge of our Masonic duties, to the end that this great institution which has shown itself a potent factor in the moral and social uplift in the past, may not lapse into decay and ruin, but may continue to extend its sphere of influence for nobler deeds and greater accomplishment, an inspiration and a blessing to all mankind.”

He reports that—



“Nothing has transpired to interrupt the universal peace and good-fellowship that prevails throughout the Jurisdiction, and our relations with sister Jurisdictions are most cordial and harmonious. Capitular Masonry continues to advance with steady and unpretentious mien, without pomp or ostentation, but in ‘silence and circumspection’ it blesses mankind with its many benefactions.

“The report for the year will show a very healthy and satisfactory growth, materially exceeding that of former years, with the net gain in membership correspondingly increased, and we have every incentive to be encouraged and to redouble our assiduity in this important work.”

His “official family has been spared,” but he has been saddened that death has taken away beloved ones. He refers feelingly to the deaths in other Jurisdictions, and we find our own beloved Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion EZRA SCULL BARTLETT on the roll.

He recommended four distinguished Companions as representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Wyoming and issued commissions to four as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming near other Grand Jurisdictions.

His official acts were few and he says:

“I very deeply regret that, on account of the stress of business affairs, I was precluded from attendance at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, held at Indianapolis last June, which would have been a source of much pleasure and profit to myself and, no doubt, of some material benefit to the Jurisdiction. I communicated with a number of the Grand Officers, requesting them to accept my proxy, but it appears that no one was able to do so; hence, this Grand Chapter failed to be represented at that important meeting.

“It was also a source of regret that I was not able to make the usual visitations to the various constituent Chapters, for I deem it not only one of the great privileges of this office, but one of the most important duties connected therewith, as I believe these visitations act as a great stimulating

force, and tend to create a healthy rivalry among the various Chapters, bringing them in closer relation with each other; also, in unifying the work in the Jurisdiction.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$835.76.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that Wyoming has ten Chapters with a membership in 1913 of 870—a gain of 40 over the previous year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report as follows:

“We, your Committee to whom was referred the question of the length of time required by Master Masons enlisted in the Army and Navy of the United States, before applications can be received from them for the degrees in the Chapters of this Jurisdiction, beg to report:

“That inasmuch as such Master Masons are citizens of the whole United States and of no particular State or Jurisdiction, and their records being open to examination, that the privileges of joining Masonic Orders should be accorded them; that in extending the rights of the Order, we are in no way trespassing or invading the rights or Jurisdiction of other States, therefore,

“We recommend that Chapters working under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Jurisdiction may, at their option, receive and act upon the petitions for the degrees at any time after their location within the Jurisdiction of any particular Chapter.”

A feature of the Convocation was a banquet and jewel presentation, and we are told that—

“Several short addresses were made, the Companions agreeing that at no time during the history of the Capitular Rite in Wyoming was the outlook for the progress and prosperity of the Order so encouraging.”

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, the R. E. Grand Secretary. He opens as follows:

“Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully submits the following Report, being a review of the various Capitular Jurisdictions of the world, in so far as their proceedings of 1912 have reached us, and in-



cluding a few Jurisdictions for 1911 where Annual Convocations are held very late in the year.

“This being but our fourth attempt in the field of correspondence, we still find much that is new and at variance with the practices, customs and regulations of our own Grand Body, and we have made a special effort to give prominence to such matters—not in the way of criticism, but that the Companions of this Jurisdiction may be more fully advised, and perhaps observe something, which if applied may prove beneficial to the Craft in our own State.

“We again urge the Companions to read what is presented, believing that a better understanding of the ethics, as well as the code of statutes of the Chapter, is necessary to its prosperity, dignity and growth in this young Jurisdiction.”

### We note this heresy under Canada:

“We are aware that in most Grand Jurisdictions dual membership is precluded, but why we have never understood. The dependent membership fad can only be defended upon the ground of the Lodges’ need of money, and it would seem to follow as a logical conclusion that if a Brother was able and willing to contribute to several Lodges or Chapters he should be permitted to do so, and because of his generosity receive the plaudits of the Fraternity.”

Pennsylvania is fully reviewed and the reviewer sees everything in a concise way and so reports what he sees that the Companions of his Jurisdiction can get a very fair idea of what is going on in the Capitular world. He is liberal in his quotations, generally approves our methods and quotes our conclusion entire, which is certainly a compliment which we appreciate.

### Under South Carolina, we clip the following:

“We also find an amendment providing that no Mark Master Mason shall be exalted to the Royal Arch until his mark is recorded, which reminds us that we have noticed regulations to the same effect in several Grand Jurisdictions and do not understand ‘what it is all about.’ As a Mark Master Mason we duly recorded our mark as required, since then do not remember that we have ever seen it or any other mark and was not aware that they were in general use.”



Dear Companion PARSHALL, your last sentence in the above paragraph answers the query as to "what it is all about."

You performed the act required of you and for you the incident is closed. "Where there is no law, there is no sin"; and the converse is true. Where there is a law and it is violated, therein consists the wrong. The Mark matters little. The requirement to adopt it, matters much. A Mason should be held to performances and if he does not do what is required of him he is unworthy and should not be advanced. If the adopting and recording of marks is trivial, abandon the requirement, provided the abolition does not infringe the ancient landmarks; but so long as it is thought wise to continue the custom, enforce its performance.

In conclusion, he says:

"As we have formerly reminded the Companions of this Jurisdiction, we are still of the opinion that these reports should be read. Grand Chapters are, generally speaking, sovereign bodies, they enact their own statutes, without restriction other than to conform in a measure to the demands of public approval. Under such circumstances, it is quite natural that each Grand Jurisdiction should be provided with codes at variance with their neighbors. We have attempted to place before our readers procedure, rulings and decisions, found here and there, that comparisons may be made, and with the hope that advantages discovered may be embodied by amendment in our own Code of Statutes.

"The wave of prosperity enjoyed by Capitular Masonry is still in the ascendant, peace and prosperity being in evidence everywhere."

PARK C. HAYS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, P. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Secretary.

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## CONCLUSION.

Our conclusion must be written in the shadow and solemnity of a great sorrow. Almost on the threshold of the new year, the official ranks of the Grand Chapter were broken by the death of the M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN. He had endeared himself to the fraternity by persistent manifestation of all the Masonic virtues. He was not esteemed only, he was loved. A strenuous life was followed by an equally strenuous death, upon which his Brothers and Companions looked with awe and sympathy, in the full knowledge that nothing could be done either to save him, or smoothe the road which led down into the dark valley.

Although the critical nature of his disease was known to many, yet death seemed afar off and its advent came as an overwhelming shock, and our whole Jurisdiction mourns as those that cannot be comforted.

Only a little less sorrowful to many of the Companions was the determination on the part of the late M. E. Grand Secretary Companion CHARLES CARY to decline a re-election, basing his action on incapacitating and continued ill health. We can rejoice, however, that he is still with us and that he is still linked with the activities of Grand Chapter; for he has been made Grand Secretary Emeritus, as a recognition of twenty years of valuable and self-effacing service. During that time the affairs of the

office have been administered with wise forethought and painstaking devotion to detail. He is and always was a man of few words; but with him "silence is golden." After a friendship of over a quarter of a century, more than half of which time has been spent in the duties of assisting the Grand Secretary, is it any wonder that there is sadness in the severance of official relations never marred by the least act of impatience or censure? That I am his successor was in accordance with his often expressed wish, but any elation that might arise from being chosen to fill so honorable a station is tempered by the knowledge that no meaner ideals, no less ability will be expected from the successor to M. E. Companion CHARLES CARY.

STOCKTON BATES.



## OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1795-1913.

YEAR	FIRST GRAND CHIEF	SECOND GRAND CHIEF	THIRD GRAND CHIEF	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1797	Jonathan B. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	John-Y. Black	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	Joseph R. Chandler	"	John M. Read
1833	"	"	Francis Cooper	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	George S. Schott	"	"
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"	"
1837	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1838	"	"	"	"	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	William Whitney	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Barger	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"	"
1851	"	"	Robert Frazer	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"	"
1853	"	"	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	"	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	John Thomson	William H. Adams.
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	"
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	John Thomson
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1890	"	"	"	"	"



YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1892	"	"	"	"	"
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	"	Charles Cary
1894	"	"	"	"	"
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	Edward B. Spencer	"
1908	"	"	"	"	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"
1914	"	"	"	"	Stockton Bates

# THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1913.

## ITS CHAPTERS, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING, AND SECRETARIES.

No	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
3	Jerusalem.....	1758	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance.....	1827	Harrisburg.....	First Monday.....	Charles C. Shriver, Harrisburg
43	.....	1826	Lancaster.....	Third Thursday.....	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony.....	1794	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	James H. Anderson, Philadelphia
91	Columbia.....	1822	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	Charles F. Wignall, Philadelphia
150	Washington.....	1827	Washington.....	First Thursday.....	John W. McDowell, Washington
152	Reading.....	1827	Reading.....	Second Monday.....	William D. Butler, Reading
159	Schuylkill.....	1838	Minersville.....	Third Thursday.....	Frank W. Simmons, Minersville
161	Union.....	1845	Towanda.....	Second Wednesday.....	John W. Coddington, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel.....	1836	Pittsburgh.....	First Tuesday.....	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette.....	1848	Lock Haven.....	Third Thursday.....	John Noble, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville.....	1849	Brownsville.....	Second Tuesday.....	William Seddon, Brownsville
165	Union.....	1849	Uniontown.....	Second Thursday.....	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah.....	1849	Holidaysburg.....	Third Tuesday.....	Harry M. Henshey, Holidaysburg
167	Eureka.....	1849	Rochester.....	Second Friday.....	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia.....	1850	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta.....	1851	New Castle.....	First Tuesday.....	Edward L. Smith, New Castle
171	St. John's.....	1852	Carlisle.....	First Thursday.....	William A. Kamarer, Carlisle
172	Temple.....	1853	Tunkhannock.....	Monday after full moon.....	Bradley W. Lewis, Tunkhannock
173	Easton.....	1853	Easton.....	Second Thursday.....	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland.....	1853	Sunbury.....	Third Tuesday.....	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury
175	Keystone.....	1853	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Monday.....	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington.....	1854	Chambersburg.....	Third Monday.....	Edmund J. Heart, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua.....	1854	Tamaqua.....	Friday after full moon.....	James W. Kershner, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa.....	1855	Catawissa.....	Second Wednesday.....	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka.....	1855	Carbondale.....	Second Wednesday.....	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren.....	1854	Montrose.....	Wednesday after full moon.....	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly.....	1855	Mauch Chunk.....	Third Tuesday.....	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk



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182	Shekinah.....	1856	Wilkes-Barre.....	Third Monday.....	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental.....	1856	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	Stockton Bates, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna.....	1856	Scranton.....	Second Tuesday.....	James Francis Wardle, Scranton
186	Lewistown.....	1856	Lewistown.....	Third Tuesday.....	W. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown
187	Oriental.....	1856	Conneautville.....	Third Friday.....	Wm. E. Wornald, Conneautville
189	Mountain.....	1858	Altoona.....	First Thursday.....	Timothy Davis, Altoona
190	Norristown.....	1858	Norristown.....	Second Monday.....	William E. Perry, Norristown
191	Solomon.....	1858	Meadville.....	First Tuesday.....	O. Clare Kent, Meadville
192	Urania.....	1859	Greensburg.....	Thursday after third Tuesday.....	R. K. Portser, Greensburg
193	Duquesne.....	1859	Pittsburgh.....	Second Friday.....	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tyoga.....	1859	Wellsboro.....	Second Tuesday.....	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage.....	1859	Johnstown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City.....	1859	Pottsville.....	Fourth Monday.....	Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville
197	Weidle.....	1860	Lebanon.....	Second Tuesday.....	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phoenix.....	1861	Phoenixville.....	Saturday after full moon.....	Edwin H. McAllister, Phoenixville
199	Howell.....	1864	York.....	Second Wed. after first Monday.....	David P. Shultz, York
200	Columbus.....	1865	Corry.....	Second Tuesday.....	Perrie G. Wood, Corry
201	Standing Stone.....	1865	Huntingdon.....	Third Monday.....	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell.....	1866	West Chester.....	Second Monday.....	Barclay Lear, West Chester
203	Allen.....	1866	Allentown.....	First Monday.....	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne.....	1866	Honesdale.....	Tuesday on or after full moon.....	Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale
205	Factoryville.....	1866	Factoryville.....	Thurs. on or before full moon.....	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony.....	1866	Beaver Falls.....	First Thursday.....	Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron.....	1866	Titusville.....	Third Friday.....	John S. Bradley, Titusville
208	Germanatown.....	1866	Germanatown, Phila.....	Third Monday.....	E. R. Stevens, Germanatown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins.....	1866	Mechanicsburg.....	Second Monday.....	Harry C. Harper, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend.....	1866	Great Bend.....	Second Thursday.....	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend
211	Venango.....	1866	Franklin.....	Second Friday.....	Charles D. Elliott, Franklin
212	Mound.....	1866	Greenville.....	Fourth Monday.....	Fred W. Moser, Greenville
214	Valley.....	1867	Plymouth.....	Fourth Friday.....	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth
215	Temple.....	1867	Erie.....	Second Friday.....	Calvin K. Dickinson, Erie
216	Zinzendorf.....	1867	Bethlehem.....	Second Tuesday.....	Matthew J. Schmid, Bethlehem



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217	Allegheny.....	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S....	First Friday.....	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny
218	Bloomsburg.....	1868	Bloomsburg.....	First Thursday.....	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom.....	1868	Ashland.....	Third Thursday.....	James Magrady, Locust Gap
220	Fort Washington...	1868	Fort Washington...	First Thursday.....	John M. Krupp, Lansdale
221	Tremont.....	1869	Tremont.....	Third Thursday.....	George W. Spotts, Tremont
222	Lycoming.....	1869	Williamsport.....	Second Tuesday.....	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford.....	1869	Oxford.....	Wednesday after full moon.....	Joseph Leeke, Oxford
224	Corinthian.....	1869	Columbia.....	Second Tuesday.....	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson.....	1869	Brookville.....	First Monday.....	James S. Carroll, Brookville
226	Siloam.....	1869	Frankford, Phila....	Third Wednesday.....	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporium.....	1870	Emporium.....	Third Tuesday.....	John D. Logan, Emporium
228	Clearfield.....	1870	Clearfield.....	Third Friday.....	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk.....	1870	Ridgway.....	Third Tuesday.....	George L. McCracken, Ridgway
232	St. John.....	1871	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia
233	Kensington.....	1871	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media.....	1871	Media.....	Fourth Monday.....	Ulysses G. Realey, Media
235	Occidental.....	1871	Warren.....	Second Monday.....	I. Henry Mott, Warren
236	Oil City.....	1871	Oil City.....	Third Monday.....	James A. Long, Oil City
237	Excelsior.....	1871	Reading.....	Third Tuesday.....	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport.....	1872	Newport.....	Monday after full moon.....	Melvin W. Watson, Newport
239	Danville.....	1872	Danville.....	First Monday.....	Bruce A. McCracken, Danville
240	Palestine.....	1872	Philadelphia.....	Second Friday.....	Edward R. Marsh, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte.....	1872	Bellefonte.....	First Friday.....	William B. Rankin, Bellefonte
242	Pittston.....	1873	Pittston.....	Second Thursday.....	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman.....	1873	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman.....	1873	Sharon.....	Second Friday.....	Edward J. Murchie, Sharon
245	Abington.....	1873	Jenkintown.....	Third Tuesday.....	John C. Fithian, Jenkintown
246	Warrior Run.....	1874	Watsonstown.....	Tuesday after full moon.....	Fred A. Reen, Watsonstown
247	Orient.....	1874	Kittanning.....	Second Monday.....	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela.....	1874	Monongahela.....	Third Thursday.....	John P. Norman, Monongahela
250	Corinthian.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.....	William Ross, Philadelphia

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251	Signet.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Friday.....	William C. Ash, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah.....	1875	Mahanoy City.....	Fourth Thursday.....	Phaon Hermany, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold.....	1877	Port Allegany.....	Second Tuesday.....	George E. Lauer, Port Allegany
255	Bedford.....	1876	Bedford.....	Third Thursday.....	Daniel W. Beam, Bedford
256	University.....	1877	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch
257	Shiloh.....	1877	Pittsburgh.....	Third Monday.....	George W. Robitzer, Pittsburgh
258	Chester.....	1877	Chester.....	Second Tuesday.....	Edward A. Price, Jr., Chester
259	Eden.....	1878	Clarion.....	Second Tuesday.....	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford.....	1880	Bradford.....	Third Thursday.....	Frank C. Whitling, Bradford
261	Troy.....	1882	Troy.....	Thurs. on or before full moon .....	Charles N. Greene, Troy. Bradford
262	Montgomery.....	1882	Ardmore.....	Third Thursday.....	Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne
263	Coudersport.....	1882	Coudersport.....	First Wednesday.....	Lalon R. Bliss, Coudersport
264	Shamokin.....	1883	Shamokin.....	Second Wednesday.....	John P. Reighart, Shamokin
265	Westfield.....	1883	Westfield.....	First Friday.....	Charles L. Gridley, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan.....	1886	Gettysburg.....	Third Thursday.....	C. William Troxell, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville.....	1887	Coatesville.....	Third Thursday.....	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh.....	1888	Pittsburgh.....	Second Monday.....	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses.....	1888	Ulysses.....	Second Wednesday.....	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown.....	1889	Doylestown.....	Tuesday on or before full moon .....	Fred'k Constantine, Doylestown
271	Pottstown.....	1890	Pottstown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron.....	1890	Meyersdale.....	Second Monday.....	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler.....	1891	Butler.....	Third Tuesday.....	William A. Stein, Butler
274	Bangor.....	1891	Bangor.....	Third Wednesday.....	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett.....	1892	Kennett Square.....	First Tuesday.....	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna.....	1892	Susquehanna.....	Second Friday.....	George W. Gleason, Susquehanna
277	Hazelton.....	1893	Hazelton.....	Third Monday.....	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazelton
278	Catasauqua.....	1894	Catasauqua.....	Second Monday.....	Edmund Randall, Catasauqua
279	Kane.....	1895	Kane.....	Third Wednesday.....	Charles A. Dickinson, Kane
280	Cyrus.....	1898	Carnegie.....	Third Thursday.....	William A. Love, Carnegie
281	Monroe.....	1898	Stroudsburg.....	Second Friday.....	Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport.....	1899	McKeesport.....	Second Thursday.....	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville.....	1900	Connellsville.....	Second Thursday.....	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville



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284	Melita.....	1903	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg.....	1904	Wilkinsburg.....	Second Friday.....	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue.....	1904	Bellevue.....	Second Friday.....	Seward M. Ward, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke.....	1908	Nanticoke.....	First Monday.....	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh.....	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.....	Second Tuesday.....	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley.....	1908	Wilmerding.....	Second Friday.....	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen.....	1908	Monessen.....	Second Tuesday.....	William D. Cowan, Monessen
291	Ezra.....	1909	South Bethlehem.....	First Friday.....	Frank W. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington.....	1909	Slatington.....	Third Monday.....	Elmer L. Engle, Slatington
293	Amity.....	1910	Athens.....	Second Friday.....	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius.....	1911	McDonald.....	Third Tuesday.....	Benjamin Frankle, McDonald
295	Siegfried.....	1913	Siegfried.....	Third Tuesday.....	George P. Stem, Siegfried
296	Zebulun.....	1913	Blossburg.....	Second Wednesday.....	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood.....	1913	Pittsburgh.....	Second Tuesday.....	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh

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91	Columbia.....	1825	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia
214	Girard.....	1847	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	Harry E. Rulon, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior.....	1854	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	Samuel W. Wray, Philadelphia



## STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27,  
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No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
3	Jerusalem.....	33	1	15	2	9	680
21	Perseverance .....	9	1	5	2	....	311
43	.....	12	....	8	....	1	354
52	Harmony.....	40	3	30	8	15	1,209
91	Columbia.....	47	1	10	3	5	774
150	Washington.....	11	4	1	1	6	272
152	Reading.....	8	....	8	2	....	242
159	Schuylkill.....	2	....	1	....	....	50
161	Union.....	2	....	4	1	....	209
162	Zerubbabel.....	31	5	18	9	11	1,165
163	La Fayette.....	8	....	2	....	....	158
164	Brownsville.....	8	....	1	1	....	154
165	Union.....	7	5	3	....	8	232
166	Mount Moriah.....	3	....	1	....	1	109
167	Eureka.....	13	2	3	1	2	156
169	Philadelphia.....	12	2	6	3	....	250
170	Delta.....	12	2	3	1	3	353
171	St. John's.....	5	....	2	....	1	140
172	Temple.....	4	....	....	....	....	115
173	Easton.....	14	2	9	2	5	306
174	Northumberland.....	8	....	2	1	2	146
175	Keystone.....	42	2	14	2	5	661
176	George Washington..	12	1	5	1	1	152
177	Tamaqua.....	2	....	1	....	....	77
178	Catawissa.....	4	1	....	....	....	44
179	Eureka.....	19	....	4	....	....	178
180	Warren.....	1	....	....	....	1	46
181	Lilly.....	3	....	1	....	....	132
182	Shekinah.....	9	....	11	2	7	352
183	Oriental.....	52	3	28	4	....	1,248
185	Lackawanna.....	10	3	8	2	8	428
186	Lewistown.....	6	....	....	....	1	109
187	Oriental.....	2	1	....	1	1	90
189	Mountain.....	17	4	7	....	9	374
190	Norristown.....	21	1	10	1	2	421
191	Solomon.....	19	1	1	1	1	107
192	Urania.....	15	....	4	....	6	342

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193	Duquesne.....	47	1	15	7	4	977
194	Tioga.....	3	....	4	....	6	54
195	Portage.....	11	....	3	....	....	265
196	Mountain City.....	5	3	2	1	1	173
197	Weidle.....	14	....	2	....	2	187
198	Phoenix.....	13	1	2	....	2	251
199	Howell.....	....	2	3	....	26	228
200	Columbus.....	4	....	1	2	....	100
201	Standing Stone.....	1	....	3	....	1	102
202	Howell.....	14	....	5	....	....	155
203	Allen.....	14	1	6	2	2	293
204	Anthony Wayne.....	8	....	2	3	1	91
205	Factoryville.....	2	....	....	....	4	67
206	Harmony.....	9	....	2	....	....	216
207	Aaron.....	1	1	....	....	4	73
208	Germantown.....	15	1	9	1	2	326
209	Samuel C. Perkins....	1	....	1	2	....	80
210	Great Bend.....	1	....	....	....	2	31
211	Venango.....	14	1	7	3	15	209
212	Mound.....	14	1	2	1	5	213
214	Valley.....	4	1	2	2	1	83
215	Temple.....	15	....	7	2	1	394
216	Zinzendorf.....	11	....	1	2	....	116
217	Allegheny.....	43	1	9	....	1	812
218	Bloomsburg.....	1	....	1	....	....	90
219	Griscom.....	3	....	1	....	....	113
220	Fort Washington.....	2	3	2	....	1	86
221	Tremont.....	4	....	3	....	....	80
222	Lycoming.....	24	....	6	3	1	466
223	Oxford.....	....	1	1	....	....	110
224	Corinthian.....	7	....	2	....	....	128
225	Jefferson.....	11	1	7	2	....	283
226	Siloam.....	18	3	8	5	2	297
227	Emporium.....	4	....	3	....	3	95
228	Clearfield.....	25	1	3	....	12	202
230	Elk.....	15	....	....	....	1	162
232	St. John.....	16	3	6	2	5	273
233	Kensington.....	42	3	19	2	3	531
234	Media.....	9	2	1	....	....	134
235	Occidental.....	10	2	1	1	....	169
236	Oil City.....	8	4	3	1	8	241
237	Excelsior.....	13	1	10	1	....	471

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238	Newport.....	4	....	1	1	....	70
239	Danville.....	1	1	....	1	4	75
240	Palestine.....	47	1	15	8	10	636
241	Bellefonte.....	1	....	2	....	....	94
242	Pittston.....	4	2	5	1	2	169
243	T. B. Freeman.....	34	5	21	4	3	837
244	Norman.....	33	1	5	1	....	223
245	Abington.....	6	....	1	2	1	135
246	Warrior Run.....	6	....	1	....	....	155
247	Orient.....	13	....	6	2	1	257
248	Temple.....	26	....	8	2	....	300
249	Monongahela.....	4	2	2	....	1	198
250	Corinthian.....	11	1	16	1	1	347
251	Signet.....	17	....	5	4	3	245
252	Mizpah.....	6	....	1	....	1	94
254	Arnold.....	1	....	1	1	....	45
255	Bedford.....	3	1	1	....	....	91
256	University.....	97	10	9	4	6	792
257	Shiloh.....	18	2	6	4	19	602
258	Chester.....	15	....	4	3	4	381
259	Eden.....	5	....	....	2	....	183
260	Bradford.....	8	6	7	....	12	260
261	Troy.....	6	1	1	1	1	86
262	Montgomery.....	9	....	1	3	2	222
263	Coudersport.....	4	....	3	1	....	89
264	Shamokin.....	9	....	1	1	3	151
265	Westfield.....	6	....	1	....	....	42
266	Good Samaritan.....	5	1	....	2	1	108
267	Coatesville.....	14	....	....	....	2	192
268	Pittsburgh.....	26	1	6	19	1	546
269	Ulysses.....	1	....	2	....	1	48
270	Doylestown.....	2	....	4	1	....	124
271	Pottstown.....	15	2	2	2	3	208
272	Hebron.....	6	1	1	....	1	94
273	Butler.....	14	7	1	1	2	254
274	Bangor.....	7	....	2	....	....	105
275	Kennett.....	5	....	2	....	....	71
276	The Susquehanna.....	2	....	....	1	....	70
277	Hazleton.....	8	....	3	1	3	171
278	Catasauqua.....	8	1	2	50	....	112
279	Kane.....	1	1	1	....	....	88
280	Cyrus.....	23	3	2	1	5	332



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281	Monroe.....	2	....	3	1	....	119
282	McKeesport.....	56	....	2	....	1	629
283	Connellsville.....	12	....	2	1	2	153
284	Melita.....	47	2	4	1	....	703
285	Wilkinsburg.....	29	3	2	11	....	334
286	Bellevue.....	27	....	1	....	....	284
287	Nanticoke.....	1	....	....	1	....	30
288	Mizpeh.....	6	....	2	....	....	214
289	Valley.....	11	....	2	....	....	160
290	Monessen.....	7	....	2	1	....	145
291	Ezra.....	5	....	....	1	1	93
292	Slatington.....	4	....	2	....	....	64
293	Amity.....	11	....	1	....	1	77
294	Darius.....	9	1	2	....	....	73
295	Siegfried.....	12	53	....	....	....	65
296	Zebulun.....	11	14	....	....	....	25
297	Homewood.....	48	46	....	....	....	94
		1828	252	568	238	325	34,137

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